# PROCEEDINGS

OF

# THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT A

SPECIAL CONVOCATION HELD AT THE CITY OF HAMILTON,
ON THE 29th DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405,

ALSO AT ITS

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

*Held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of St. Catharines,*

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH OF AUGUST, A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and Preserved.

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**ADDRESS:**

L. H. HENDERSON, BELLEVILLE, ONT., GRAND Z.

R. P. STEPHENS, TORONTO, ONT., GRAND SCRIBE E.

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# Grand Chapter of Canada.

## PROCEEDINGS.

A Special Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at Hamilton, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, A. D. 1875, A. I. 2405, for the purpose of Consecrating and Dedicating the Chapter Room in the new Masonic Hall in that City.

### PRESENT.

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| M. E. | Comp. | James Seymour, | | Grand | Z. |
| R. " | " | H. Carlisle, as | | " | H. |
| " " | " | Edw'd Mitchell, as | | " | J. |
| " " | " | R. P. Stephens, | | " | Scribe E. |
| " " | " | J. B. Nixon, | | " | Scribe N. |
| " " | " | R. Brierly, | | " | Prin. Sojourner. |
| " " | " | D. McLellan, | | " | Treasurer. |
| V. " | " | Robt. Struthers, as | | " | Registrar. |
| " | " | Gavin Stuart, | " | " | 1st Asst. Sojourn'r. |
| " | " | Wm. Gibson, | " | " | 2nd " " |
| " | " | Wm. Dewar, | " | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | C. R. Smith, | " | " | Standard Bearer. |
| " | " | J. S. Henderson, | " | " | Dir. of Ceremonies |
| | " | R. S. Beasly, | " | " | Organist. |
| | " | Wm. Somers, | " | " | Janitor. |

And a large number of Members of Grand Chapter and Visitors.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 7.30 p.m., in a room adjoining the Chapter Hall, in which the Companions of the Chapters, together with their families, visiting Companions and invited friends were assembled.

The Director of Ceremonies having announced that the Chapter was in waiting to receive the Grand Chapter, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, by command of the Grand Z., then marshalled Grand Chapter in procession when it proceeded to the Chapter Hall and was received with grand honors.

The Council and other officers of the Chapter then vacated their seats, the Grand Council took their places on the throne and the other officers of Grand Chapter their proper positions, the Council and other officers of the Chapter being seated immediately in front of and beneath the Grand Officers.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. G. Z., R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, G. H., R. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, G. J., E. Comp. H. Macpherson, P. Z., R. E. Comp. Jas. O'Connor, G. Supt. London District, &c.

The Chairman of the Committee then addressed the M. E. G. Z. as follows:

Most Excellent Sir:—The Companions of this city, being animated with a desire of promoting the honor and interest of the Royal Craft, have, at great pains and expense completed this Hall for their special convenience and accommodation. They therefore desire that the same shall be examined by the Grand Chapter, and if it meets their approbation, that it shall be solemnly

dedicated to the uses of Capitular Masonry, agreeably to ancient form.

To which the M. E. G. Z. was pleased to make the following reply:—

Ex. Sir.—I can assure you that the Grand Chapter will have great pleasure in complying with your request—a duty the more gratifying, as the premises display a tastefulness of design, a skill in execution, and a gorgeousness of outfit, that reflect the highest credit upon the Chapter and the city, which can now boast of having the handsomest and most complete premises specially arranged for Capitular purposes, of any Chapter or city in the Dominion. In the manner in which the work has been completed, you have secured the entire approbation of Grand Chapter, and they sincerely pray that this noble edifice may long continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and liberality of its founders.

The Hall, which is a very large and beautiful one and handsomely furnished and decorated, was then consecrated and afterwards dedicated in due and ancient form.

The M. E. Grand Z. then addressed the assembled Companions and their invited friends in terms highly laudatory of the undertaking which has been commenced and successfully carried on to completion by the Hamilton Brethren and Companions with so much energy and good taste. The Grand Z. concluded with solemn and impressive words of counsel and advice to the assembled Companions as to their bearing and conduct towards each other, and to the world at large, adding a feeling tribute to the memory of one who had lived and worked amongst our Hamilton Companions for so many years—our late lamented Grand Scribe E.

An appropriate closing hymn was then sung to the accompaniment of the organ.

The hospitalities of the Hamilton Companions having been cordially tendered to the officers and members of Grand Chapter, the procession was re-formed and proceeded to the adjoining room when Grand Chapter was duly closed in ample form.

ATTEST,

*R. P. Stephens,*

G. S. E.

# Grand Chapter of Canada.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of St. Catharines, on Wednesday, the 11th day of August, A.D. 1875, A.I. 2405.

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| M. E. Comp. | Jas. Seymour, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| R. " " | W. H. Weller, | " H. | |
| " " " | R. Kincaid, | " J. | |
| | On the Throne. | | |

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| R. E. Comp. | R. P. Stephens, | Grand | Scribe E. |
| " " " | Jas. B. Nixon, | " | Scribe N. |
| " " " | R. Brierly, | " | Prin. Sojourner. |
| " " " | David McLellan, | " | Treasurer. |
| " " " | Alexander Servos, as | " | Registrar. |
| V. " " | A. G. Smyth, as | " | 1st. Asst. Sojourn'r |
| " " " | C. Bennett, | " | 2nd " " |
| " " " | W. Chatfield, as | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | E. R. Carpenter. as | " | Standard Bearer. |
| " " " | J. D. Henderson, as | " | Dir. of Ceremonies |
| " " " | W. C. Morrison, | " | Organist. |
| " " " | J. J. Mason, as | " | Pursuivant. |
| " " " | J. O'Donnell, | " | Stewards. |
| " " " | Chas. E. S. Black, | " | |
| " " " | Geo. W. Morgan, | " | |
| " | R. Ratcliffe, | " | Janitor. |

## GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | James O'Connor, | London | District. |
| " " " | I. F. Toms, | Huron | " |
| " " " | Henry Carlisle, | Hamilton | " |
| " " " | W. H. Porter, | Toronto | " |
| " " " | David Denoon, | Prince Edwd | " |
| " " " | James Stephenson, | Central | " |
| " " " | E. M. Copeland, | Montreal | " |

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | Samuel B. Harman, | P. G. Z. |
| M. " " | C. D. Macdonnell, | P. G. Z. |
| R. " " | G. M. Wilkinson, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | W. Carey, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | Daniel Spry, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | G. C. Patterson, | P. G. P. S. |
| " " " | Thomas Sargant, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | R. Hendry, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | H. W. Wood, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | J. H. Stearns, | P. G. J. |
| " " " | Henry Robertson. | P. G. J. |
| " " " | Thomas C. Macnabb, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | Alexander Servos, | P. G. Registrar. |
| V, " " | A. G. Smyth, | P. G. S. |
| " " " | W. Chatfield, | P. G. Purs't. |
| " " " | E. R. Carpenter, | P. G. Stand. Bear. |

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. E. Comp. | James Seymour, | of Indiana. |
| R. " " | Henry Robertson, | of Dist. of Columbia. |
| " " " | " " | of New York. |
| " " " | " " | of Mississippi. |
| " " " | David McLellan, | of Georgia. |
| " " " | Daniel Spry, | of New Jersey. |
| " " " | E. M. Copeland, | of Texas. |
| M. " " | C. D. Macdonnell, | of South Carolina. |
| R. " " | W. H. Weller, | of Wisconsin. |
| " " | Henry Macpherson, | of California. |

A Constitutional number of Chapters being in attendance, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, was opened in **Ample Form** at 12.30 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported the following as being present during the Sessions, viz. :—

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | G. M. Wilkinson, | Z. |
| M. " " | C. D. Macdonnell, | P. Z. |
| " " | J. A. Henderson, | P. Z. |

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER. HAMILTON.

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| E. Comp. | S. E. Townsend, | J. |
| " " | F. R. Despard, | Z. |
| " " | G. Stewart, | P. Z. |

No. 3. ST JOHN'S CHAPTER LONDON.

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| R. E. Comp. | James O'Connor, | Z. |
| " " | William S. Smith, | P. Z. |

No. 4. CHAPTER OF ST ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, TORONTO.

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| M. E. Comp. | Samuel B. Harman, | P. Z. |
| " " | R. J. Hovenden, | H. |
| " " | C. W. Brown, | J. |
| " " | J. Erskine, | Z. |
| R. " " | R. P Stephens, | P. Z. |

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

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| E. Comp. | Isaac Waterman, | Z. |
| R. " " | W. Carey, | P. Z. |
| " " | Jas. Moffatt, | P. Z. |
| V. " " | A. G. Smyth, | P. Z. |
| " " | H. A. Baxter, | P. Z. |

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | D. McClellan, | P. Z. |
| " " " | R. Brierley, | P. Z. |
| " " | W. Gibson, | J. |

E. Comp. D. McPhis, H.
" " J. J. Mason, P. Z.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. Jas. Norris, Z.
R. " " Daniel Spry, P. Z.
" " G. Watson, J.
R. " " G. C. Patterson, P. Z.
" " " Jas. B. Nixon, P. Z.
" " " Thomas Sargant, P. Z.
" " Jos. Geo. Burns, H.
R. " " David McClellan, P. Z.
V. " " W. C. Morrison, P. H.

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. R. Hendry, Z.

No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

R. E. Comp. H. W. Wood, Z.
" " E. H. Goff,

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. Wm. Kerr, Z.
" " W. M. Somerville, P. Z.

No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

E. Comp. Jas. Canfield, Z.
" " H. J. Finkle, J.
R. " " C. L. Beard, P. Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

E. Comp. J. P. Willson, H.
R. " " Henry Carlisle, P. Z.
V. " " W. Chatfield, P. Z.
M. " " Jas. Seymour, P. Z.

No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. J. H. Stearns, Z.

No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.

R. E. Comp. Jas. Stephenson, M. D. Z.

No. 23. EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

V. E. Comp. C. Bennett, Z.

No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.

E. Comp. Thomas Miller, H.

No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

E. Comp. Thos. Holywell, P. Z.
" " C. W. Woodford, H.

No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON.

M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P. Z.
V. " " E. R. Carpenter, P. Z.

No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA.

E. Comp. M. Gilbranson, P. Z.

No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNVILLE.

V. E. Comp. Chas. E. S. Black, Z.
" " John Parry, P. Z.

No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH.

R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Proxy.

No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON.

R. E. Comp. David Denoon, Z.

No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT.

E. Comp. J. S. Perine, Z.

No. 34. SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA.

E. Comp. D. McG. Malloch, Proxy.
" " Jno. W. W. Wilson, P. Z.

No. 35. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY.

E. Comp. Daniel Betts, Proxy.

No. 36. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBOROUGH.

R. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, P. Z.
V. " " J. O.Donnell, Z.
" " R. H. Green, H.
M. " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.
" " Vincent Clementi, P. H.

No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE.

E. Comp. J. H. Helm, Z.

No. 38. SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD.

R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Porter, P. Z.
" " H. S. Broughton, Z.

No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH.

E. Comp. John Inglis, H.
" " W. D. Hepburn, Z.

No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL.

E. Comp. C. H. Sorley, Z.

No. 43. ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, Z.

No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE.

R. E. Comp. David Denoon, Proxy.

No. 45. EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, COLBORNE.

E. Comp. J. D. Henderson, Z.

No. 47. WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM.

R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Macnabb, P. Z.

No. 48. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, COBOURG.

R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, P. Z.

No. 49. ELORA CHAPTER, ELORA.

E. Comp. J. M. Fraser, J.

No. 51. ST. CHARLES CHAPTER, POINT ST. CHARLES.

E. Comp. William Young, P. H. Proxy.

No. 53. BRUCE CHAPTER, PETROLIA.

E. Comp. D. Trotter, P. Z.

No. 54. DE WARRENNE CHAPTER, ST. THOMAS.

E. Comp. N. S. McColl, Z.
" " S. D. Thompson, H.
V. " " G. W. Morgan, P. Z.

No. 55. NIAGARA CHAPTER, NIAGARA.

E. Comp. S. J. J. Brown, Z.
" " Geo. A. Clement, H.
" " Jno. M. Clement, J.
R. " " Alexander Servos, P. Z.

No. 56. GEORGIAN CHAPTER, OWEN SOUND.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, P. Z.

No. 57. KING HIRAM CHAPTER, PORT COLBORNE.

E. Comp. James R. Haun, H.

No. 58. PEMBROKE CHAPTER, PEMBROKE.

E. Comp. W. M. Somerville, P. Z.

No. 59. SUSSEX CHAPTER, BROCKVILLE.

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| E. Comp. V. H. Moore, | H. |

No. 61 GRANITE CHAPTER, PERTH.

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| E. Comp. V. H. Moore, | Proxy. |

No. 62. YORK CHAPTER, EGLINTON.

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| R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, | P. Z. Proxy. |
| " " " Thos. Sargant, | P. Z. |
| " " " Jas. B. Nixon, | P. Z. |

No. 63. HAVELOCK CHAPTER, LUCKNOW.

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| R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, | P. Z. |

U. D. WILLSON CHAPTER, WELLAND.

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| E. Comp. J. P. Willson, | Z. |
| " " James Bridges, | H. |
| " " D. T. Scholfield, | J. |

U. D. ONTARIO CHAPTER, YORKVILLE.

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| E. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, | Z. |

U. D. SEAFORTH CHAPTER, SEAFORTH.

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| E. Comp. D. McG. Malloch, | Z. |

U. D. MAITLAND CHAPTER, MAITLAND.

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| R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, | Proxy. |

U. D. GRIMSBY CHAPTER, GRIMSBY.

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| E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, | Z. |
| " " G. H. Hewson, | J. |

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, during the session of the Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The proceedings of the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter held at the City of Ottawa, on Wednesday the 14th Day of October, A. D. 1874, having been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof were considered as read, and the same were confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following address to the companions assembled in Annual Convocation :—

## ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,*

GREETING :—

COMPANIONS :—In welcoming you to St. Catharines for the second time—your last Grand Convocation here having been held nine years ago—permit me to remind you, that whilst many features of a congratulatory nature surround the present Convocation, there is yet one source of deep-toned sadness that casts its sable mantle over our deliberations, in the reflection that he whose lofty genius guided the initiatory steps which led to the formation of this Grand Chapter—he under whose able presidency we last assembled in this town—will meet with us no more. The memory of

OUR HONORED DEAD

should ever be dear to all true Masons; and in recording the demise of M. Ex. Comp Wm. M. Wilson—which occurred at Simcoe, on the 16th January—a feeling of profound grief wells up within me, that touches the most tender chord of the human heart, creating the most mournful emotions. It seems as it were but yesterday, that in the full vigor of health and strength, he was mingling with us in our sorrow over the grave of our late revered Grand Scribe E.; and yet but a brief period elapses, ere he also is shorn of his strength ; fell disease lays him low; and after three short weeks illness, his noble spirit wings its flight to the Omnipotent God who gave it! Companions, the admonition conveyed in this sad loss, should not be thrown away upon us; but rather serve as another solemn warning, to prepare for that great change which

must soon overtake us all, ere we are fitted for an inheritance in the Grand Chapter above, where the World's Great Architect liveth and reigneth for evermore!

Although it is not my purpose in this address to indulge in any elaborate biographical sketch of the deceased, yet a quarter of a century of active labor devoted by him to promoting the advancement and elevation of Canadian Freemasonry in all its branches, at home and abroad, demands more than a mere passing notice at my hands. Called by the Craft to preside over its destinies at a critical period in its history, his sagacious judgment and skilful elucidation of the cause he had so much at heart, speedily enabled him to secure for the Grand Lodge of Canada a measure of respect from sister Grand Bodies, which soon ripened into solid friendship and good-will as time rolled on. His earnest, unflagging interest in all that related to the firm establishment of an independent governing authority in this country, manifested itself in so many ways—in voluminous correspondence, and in visitation in conference, and in the cultivation of the social virtues—that it was not surprising to witness year after year his re-election to the Grand Mastership, an office filled with honor to himself and signal benefit to the fraternity at large. Thus it was that having displayed rare administrative capacity in all that he undertook to accomplish, he was unanimously chosen First Grand Principal of this Grand Chapter at its inception in 1857, the duties of which exalted station he continued to discharge until 1859, when more urgent claims npon his time and means, compelled him to resign the sceptre into other hands. At that period he was enabled to witness the success which had crowned his many years of arduous toil for the welfare of the Craft, in the prosperous growth, not only of Symbolic Masonry, but likewise in the steady advance of the Capitular Order; and when he retired from active duty in 1860, he carried with him the proud consciousness of having deservedly earned that necessary repose, of which he then stood so much in need. His return to the Oriental Chair in 1866-7, showed how strong an appreciation was entertained for his past services; and again, in 1872, when he was similarly honored with re-election —a confidence he continued to hold until death terminated his invaluable life. Though never but once actively participating in

the work of this Grand Chapter after his retirement in 1859, he nevertheless watched with interest its onward progress, and frequently expressed himself well pleased at its success.

In presenting this cursory review of the zealous labors of the deceased in the cause of Freemasonry, it may be here mentioned that he was the recipient in 1863, of a very substantial testimonial from the Craft and Grand Lodge—which testified in more tangible form than mere words, the high sense in which his unceasing exertions and personal worth were regarded. And later, when it became known that those near and dear to him were scantily provided for, Grand Lodge generously placed at their disposal an annuity that will secure them in comparative comfort for the remainder of their days. In M. Ex. Comp. Wilson's death his family have lost a fond, indulgent protector; the Masonic fraternity a distinguished chieftan; the Bench an upright Judge; society at large a generous-hearted citizen; and the country a patriotic defender, whose life was ever at its service when danger threatened. Full of years, at the age of sixty-two, and full of honors, he has gone hence, to be no more seen of men! His remains were followed to their last resting place in the Simcoe Cemetery by one of the largest gatherings of the Craft and other friends ever assembled in that part of the country; and the sad scene at the grave, when the impressive burial ceremonies of the Order were being performed, will not soon be forgotten. Long may his memory be enshrined in our hearts, for many years may pass before we meet his like again!

In addition to this severe loss, death has also taken from us R. Ex. Comp. T. F. McMullen, P. G. Supt. London District; V. Ex. Comp. M. F. Shaler, P. G. Standard-Bearer; and Comp. R. M. Wilson—all zealous Craftsmen and efficient officers. And outside this jurisdiction, I observe that the Grand Chapter of Ireland has to deplore the death of his Grace the Duke of Leinster, who for sixty-one years was the honored head of the Order there. These Companions now rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

THE MOST EX. GRAND Z. OF ENGLAND.

Having thus recurred to the dark shadows of the year, it will

doubtless be a relief to change the theme, by reference to events of a more cheerful character, and more particularly to one of marked significance in the Masonic world at the present time, viz., the election and installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and *ex-officio* as Most Excellent Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of that important jurisdiction. This prominent identification of the Heir Apparent to the British Throne with the leading Orders of Freemasonry—now specially honored by the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—was fittingly made the occasion of one of the most imposing and gorgeous pageants witnessed during the present century. And well it might be, under the peculiar circumstances which caused the vacancy that led His Royal Highness to accept the honorable position—peculiar circumstances indeed, which it is devoutly to be hoped may never arise again! It therefore occurs to me as opportune—seeing that so distinguished a scion of the reigning dynasty of our Empire now wields the sceptre, so worthily held by many of his noble ancestors—that the occasion should be improved, to convey to his Royal Highness the hearty congratulations of this Grand Chapter, in the form of a suitable address, on his auspicious assumption of a position that he will dignify and adorn with resplendent lustre, as did Zerubbabel of old, when the kingly power of Israel was restored in his royal person. I throw out this suggestion for such action as the Executive Committee may see fit to commend, and confidently leave the subject in their charge.

## SISTER CHAPTERS.

Our relations with Sister Grand Chapters, I am happy to state, continue of the most friendly kind; nothing having transpired during the year to mar the genial friendship that it has ever been our most anxious desire to foster, strengthen and perpetuate. The interchange of representatives with the Grand Chapters of California, Wisconsin, Mississippi and South Carolina will also serve to cement more closely the fraternal ties that bind our common family together. The credentials received for the eminent Companions selected to represent these bodies near this Grand Chapter, will be presented by them, and I doubt not they will receive at

your hands the cordial approval to which their abilities and worth are justly entitled. The name of R. Ex. Comp. Richard D. Pulford, of Mineral Point, having been recommended to me by the M. Ex. the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction, as an estimable representative for this Grand Body near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, I caused credentials to be forwarded to the worthy Companion, and learn with pleasure that he has accepted the trust in courteous terms, and will see that the interests confided to him will be faithfully served.

In examining the transactions of several Grand Chapters, I notice with regret that two or three fail to see any advantage to the Royal Craft in these appointments, considering them merely honorary and comparatively useless. Though the duties in general are not arduous, nevertheless, occasions have arisen where the kindly offices of a recognized ambassador near a Sister Grand Chapter proved of great value, in correcting misunderstandings and settling petty differences, which might otherwise have imperilled friendly relations. Hence, could no other cogent reasons be assigned, I see in those stated, amply sufficient to justify the system, which has proved of decided reciprocal advantage; while I know of no instance where harm has ensued from it. Regarding the "expense the system may entail for printing and postage," urged in one Grand Body, the accruing benefits so far outweigh any paltry consideration of this kind that I am astonished to see such an objection raised.

As to our representative near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the matter continues as at our last Convocation, except that fresh correspondence has ensued, which will be laid before you.

### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The carefully prepared report of R. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson upon this subject—a duty heretofore discharged by him with much discrimination and ability—will afford an instructive insight into the workings of other Grand Chapters, the cullings from whose proceedings always furnish a rich fund of information, that cannot be too highly appreciated. Knowing from practical experience the

labor required, and the vast quantity of reading matter to be digested and condensed, I can freely bear testimony to the wise judgment exercised in the present compilation.

### A RETROSPECT.

Looking at the rapid strides made by our neighbors, naturally suggests the taking of a retrospective glance at the work accomplished by this Grand Chapter since its organization in January, 1857—now over eighteen years ago—when but *three* subordinate Chapters participated in the preliminary proceedings. It therefore cannot but be gratifying, not only to its surviving founders, but also to the Companions since added, to learn that *sixty-three* warranted Chapters now yield cheerful obedience to its authority, and *six* others under dispensation stand knocking at its portals for fraternal recognition. Many of these have united their means with those of the Craft Lodges in their neighborhood, to erect convenient halls of their own for meeting in; and notably of this class is the spacious and costly building in which we are now assembled, the erection of which shows the vitality that animates the membership of this vicinity. The financial affairs of the Grand Chapter are in a most healthy state, the nominal yearly contribution of twenty cents per enrolled Companion, more than sufficing to cover current expenses, leaving the fees derived from certificates, registrations, dispensations, constitutions and warrants, to produce a respectable reserve fund for benevolence and unforeseen claims. Fortunately, the calls upon our charity have so far been very light; but as time rolls on, and our numbers increase, we must expect to do more in that way.

### NEW CHAPTERS.

During the year, I have granted Dispensations to open the following new Chapters, all of which were well recommended, and give promise of vigorous growth, viz.:

Willson Chapter, Welland; Ontario Chapter, Yorkville; Seaforth Chapter, Seaforth; Enterprise Chapter, Harriston; Maitland Chapter, Maitland; Grimsby Chapter, Grimsby.

Entertaining serious misgivings of the latter two becoming permanent, owing to their limited sphere of action, and to the petitions being signed by only four resident Companions, the remaining eight or ten signatures on each being of Companions who reside at considerable distances from the places proposed, I hesitated some time before deciding to authorize the Dispensations. But having received the strongest assurance that the work in prospect will be amply sufficient to creditably sustain both, I consented to their formation, so that they might apply for Warrants at this Convocation.

Yet, close observation has shown me that too great caution cannot be exercised in encouraging new Chapters, of the endurance of which there is any doubt. Better far that they should be checked for a year or two, or nipped in the bud altogether, than be permitted to spring up like mushrooms, only to wither and die when the evanescent purpose of their creation has been attained.

### DISPENSATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS.

Numerous applications have reached me for the exercise of the dispensing power permitted by the constitution, to enable Principals to be installed who were otherwise ineligible. Where good grounds were shown, I complied with the applications; but in several instances the reasons urged proving unsatisfactory, no alternative remained but to decline compliance. Heartily approving of the principle laid down by an esteemed predecessor for dealing with these Dispensations, I have in all cases required reasons to be given before granting any of them; and I am strongly of opinion that were greater care exercised in installing only companions to chairs who are known to be qualified to fill them, these applications would decrease from 50 to 75 per cent., saving much correspondence, and at times perhaps preventing discipline of a painful nature.

Discovering that no convenient record of these Dispensations is in use, and that it is a tedious operation to find out to whom and for what purpose they were issued, I have prepared a form for a book, which will be submitted during this session. Its design being to show at a glance the details connected with every appli-

cation, whether granted or refused, one line serving to exhibit each transaction, its value will be appreciated by all who have to consult it, and by none more than the Grand Scribe E., whose reference to it for authoritative purposes will be greatly simplified, as compared with the present hide-and-go-seek want of system.

## JURISPRUDENCE.

In the matter of jurisprudence, I have had five questions presented during the year, which possess special interest. The rulings thereon should be confirmed, if approved, for future guidance. They are as follows, viz. :—

1. What is the position of a Principal who fills a chair in a Chapter for only four or five months, and is then succeeded on election by another Companion. Does he retain past rank, with full privileges, or does he forfeit the right of sitting and voting in Grand Chapter ?

*Ruled*,—That a Principal must discharge the duties of his office for twelve months to be entitled to past rank ; and unless he so serves, he can only sit in Grand Chapter during his service as such Principal. After vacating his chair, he loses all rights and privileges that would otherwise follow, except that of being present at Council openings or installations as far as his rank will permit.

2. Is it according to constitution to advance a 3rd or 2nd Principal to the next chair when he has not performed his work, nor made any attempt to get it up, although a regular attendant at every Convocation ?

*Ruled*,—That, while the constitution is silent upon the promotion to chairs of unqualified Companions, the practice governing installations of Principals, clearly prohibits such advancement. Hence, no Z. or P. Z. should take part in a Council of I. P.'s for installation purposes, unless well satisfied that the P. elect is qualified to perform the duties accepted. It is clearly irregular for an installing Council to take it for granted that Comp. A. or B., having been elected to a chair, is mentally competent to discharge its duties. Careful examination is the only recognized test of com-

petency without which proving satisfactory, no installation should be allowed.

3. Is a Chapter regularly assembled or legally constituted for business or work, at which a less number than nine members are present, the balance being made up of say four or five visiting Companions, who can neither vote nor perform any duty at the Convocation, except by courtesy or sufferance ; and is it proper to hold any Convocation, regular or emergent, unless at least nine *bona fide* members are present?

*Ruled*,—That while custom and occasional necessity have tolerated the permitting of visitors at Chapter Convocations filling offices and otherwise aiding a less number than nine members in disposing of business and work, a strict interpretation of the constitution (*vide* sec. 1 and 2 of "Subordinate Chapters,") settles it very clearly to my mind, that a Chapter is not legally constituted nor assembled if nine subscribing members be not present. Visitors of superior skill may be invited to "assist in carrying on the Lord's work," instead of unskilled officers ; but unless so invited, they become simply spectators, without authority to do other than look on. Therefore, any ballot passed, money vote taken, or other business done, unless nine *bona fide* members attend and remain present during the Convocation, would be liable, on protest, to be quashed.

4. When a summons has issued for a reguiar Convocation, containing the names of several candidates to be balloted for, has the Z. a right, upon his own mere *ipse dixit*, to defer to another Convocation any of such ballots?

*Ruled*,—Yes. The Z. being supreme in his own Chapter, and subject only to higher authority, may, for cause which to him appears sufficient, defer any and all ballots so notofied ; provided that when the ballots are subsequently taken, due notice is given to every member (*vide* sec. 1, "Proposing Members.)" There would of course be a limit to deferring ballots in this way, which a superior officer would deal with, when his interference is sought, as the circumstances might require.

5. Is a Master Mason who lost his arm, hand, or leg, in boy-

hood, an eligible candidate for Chapter degrees?

*Ruled*,—That physical defects of this nature not only disqualify any applicant for capitular advancement, but would also violate a well-known landmark, by which Chapters as well as Lodges are bound. A candidate so disabled would be incapable of doing the work of a Craftsman, and consequently unable to prove himself to be one when called upon so to do.

A number of other questions of minor importance, relating to By-laws and usage, have also received attention, but to which it is unnecessary here to give prominence. Those cited, however, have more than common interest; and I must regret that want of time has prevented me from preparing, as I fully intended doing, an intelligent synopsis of similar rulings, decisions and resolutions of Grand Chapter, passed since its formation and still in force, to be published as an addenda, for general reference. I hope next year may see this needed compilation completed.

## REPORTS OF G. D. SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports to be presented by those pains-taking assistants of your chief officer, the Grand District Superintendents, will exhibit the present condition of our subordinate Chapters, most of which are well-worked and flourishing. A few, however, are not in that vigorous state that I should like to announce, owing chiefly to the selection of Companions as Principals who fail in qualifying themselves after installation, which exerts a depressing influence upon the members, whose attendance is thereby chilled and thinned. This evil has a practical remedy in making the Grand District Superintendent responsible for the efficiency of all Principals installed; to ensure which I would recommend a thorough preliminary examination, either by the Superintendent in person, or by some experienced P. Z. named by him for that duty, without whose certificate of competency no candidate elect should be installed. The extra supervision thus enjoined would possibly render the Superintendents' duties a little more onerous; but when they reflect upon the trouble to be afterwards saved, and the effectual cure this course will supply for a chronic disease, I feel certain they will cheerfully give the attention required to carry out so salutary an improvement.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

It would have afforded me much pleasure during my term of office to have visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction; but that being impossible, I had to content myself with such opportunities as other engagements permitted. In October, at the regular Convocation of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, I installed R. Ex. Comp. H. Carlisle, as Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District; on which occasion I also discharged the agreeable duty of presenting R. Ex. Comp. E. Goodman with a beautiful P. G. Superintendent's jewel, the gift of the Chapter, in recognition of valuable services rendered. In December, I attended the festivities connected with the dedication of the well-appointed new Masonic Hall, Hamilton—a building that reflects upon the Craft of that city the highest credit, for its substantial erection and the tasteful design of its entire outfit. In January, I had the melancholy duty to perform of attending the funeral obsequies of M. Ex. Comp. W. M. Wilson. In March, I visited the new Chapter at Welland, witnessing its constitution and start under encouraging auspices. In April, on invitation, I visited the new Chapter Hall in Hamilton—the finest and most perfect in Canada—which I had the honor of dedicating to the purposes of Capitular Masonry, in the presence of a large assemblage of Companions from all parts of the country. In conducting this impressive coremony I was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Carlisle and Mitchell, as associate members of the Grand Council, by the Grand Treasurer, G. Scribes E. and N., G. P. Sojourner, and other Grand Officers, all of whom participated in the long-to-be-remembered proceedings, with a joyousness almost akin to that which inspired the Companions of old, when dedicating the Temple at Jerusalem. After the dedication, I was much impressed with an exemplification of work creditably conducted by Ex. Comp. Despard Z. of Hiram Chapter, assisted by Ex. Comp. Gibson, Z. of St. John, No. 6, as H, and Ex. Comp. Mason, P. Z., No. 6, as J.; Ex. Comp. Stewart, P. Z. No. 2, acting as P. Sojourner. All the duties on this interesting occasion were discharged by past officers, who acquitted themselves most satisfactorily, leaving an impression upon every spectator that will not soon be forgotten. In June, while the volunteer force was encamped at Niagara, I visited the Chapter there, witnessing work

aud enjoying a pleasant reunion with many Companions from a distance. In July, I visited McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, with the G. D. Supt., and there also was profited by the evidences of true companionship that marked the occasion. I need scarcely add, that at all these gatherings the most hospitable kindness was shown me.

### FINANCES AND STATICTICS.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. will be found satisfactory, exhibiting an excess of receipts over expenditure for the year of $173.73, viz. :

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| Cash balance in bank, 1874, | $2,110 75 | |
| Receipts of year, | 1,970 52 | |
| | | $4,081 27 |
| Invested in Dominion Stock | $1,000 00 | |
| Expended, current account | 1,796 79 | |
| Balance in Bank, 1875 | 1,284 48 | |
| | | $4,081 27 |

The statistics collated by the G. S. E. from the returns of subordinates, also indicate a fair increase in work and membership, as compared with previous years. And here I must bear testimony to the efficiency of the Grand Scribe E., whose judicious and prompt attention to duty has proved him to be worthily chosen for the position. His facilities may be much improved by a small outlay for an office, where all records and books of the order could be properly kept, and where he could be consulted upon Masonic business with more propriety than in his own apartments as at present. The extra cost involved deserves consideration; but it must be apparent, that we cannot secure proper accommodation without paying for it; the only question being, whether it is desirable to effect any change at present, or permit matters to continue for another year as they now are.

### GRAND CHAPTER REGALIA.

Several Companions having intimated that a full set of regalia should be procured, to be worn by officers at Annual Convocations and other necessary times, I have obtained from two leading manufacturers estimates of the probable cost, which will be laid before

you. They are so vague, however, aad based upon different principles of calculation, that no reliable idea can be formed as to the relative cost of the same quality of articles. If it is the wish of Grand Chapter to deal with this matter, I would suggest its reference to a carefully selected committee, who can procure tenders from reliable dealers, and then be in a position to accept the one best adapted to our wants, taking care to have the set ready for use whenever needed.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Notices of motion having been given, the following proposed amendments to Constitution will claim your attention, viz. :

1. By R. Ex. Comp. Menet,—To amend Article 3, by abolishing nominations and substituting direct ballot for elections. While something may be said on both sides of this question, I am decidedly of the opinion that a practice that has worked well for eleven years needs no change, and should be let alone.

2. By R. Ex. Comp. Toms,—To divide the present Huron District of ten Chapters into the Huron and Wellington Districts, with five Chapters each. This proposal seems reasonable, as the territory supervised is very large and inconvenient to visit.

3. By Ex. Comp. Henderson,—To add all P. G. Z.'s to the Executive Committee. This proposal speaks for itself and needs no comment.

4. By R. Ex. Comp. Weller,—To strike out Templar and Malta jewels, as now worn in Chapters, and confine the jewels proper to those of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. This motion has my cordial approval, the Templar and Malta Orders, as now defined in England and Canada, being no longer treated as Masonic.

In frankly giving my opinion of these proposals—which I do solely from a sense of duty—I may say that your will regarding them will be my pleasure.

### MODEL BY-LAWS.

The want of a simple code of By-laws, to serve as a guide to new Chapters, has long been felt, and I placed this duty in the able

hands of R. Ex. Comp. Spry for preparation. But want of time having prevented his completing the work for adoption at this convocation, I hope next year will see the duty carried out.

### FORMS OF TRIAL.

This matter I also hoped to have ready for report to-day; but the Grand Scribe E, has had his hands too full to complete the revision in time for presentation. It will, however, be finished for publication with the proceedings, so that all Chapters will have the proper forms when difficulties arise that cannot otherwise be accommodated.

### CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, having briefly noticed the chief events of my official term that will engage attention, with such suggestions as experience seems to call for, it only remains for me to hope that my efforts to advance your interests have proved successful. Your kind partiality in favoring me with so responsible a trust, and your cheerful compliance with every ruling given upon controverted points, more than compensates for the time devoted to your service. May the sacred principles of Royal Arch Masonry tend to make us better members of society, and more imbued with love to the human family; that the communities in which we move may learn from the example we set that our high pretensions are not unmeaning—that what we profess we practise. And may the labors of this Convocation have the approbation of the Most High, redounding not only to His honor and glory, but also to the welfare of our beloved Order; for without divine approval, we toil in vain, and the work of our hands cannot prosper.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
*Grand Z.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, seconded by V. E. Comp. J. O'Donnell, and resolved :—

That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present session of Grand Ghapter.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were received and referred to the Executive Committee, and are as follows :—

## LONDON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District, which might be compressed into one brief sentence, that all the Chapters are in a harmonious, flourishing and prosperous condition. On the 18th of December, 1874, I received an application from De Warrenne Chapter, No. 54, for a dispensation to install Comp. S. D. Thompson as second Principal, which the M. E. G. Z. was pleased to grant, on the 10th of December, 1874, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of De Warrenne Chapter, No. 54.

On the 7th January I visited Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, and installed their Officers, this Chapter is presided over by zealous Officers, in every respect competent to perform their work correctly, and consequently are in the highest state of efficiency. On the 26th March I visited Wellington Chapter, No. 46, Chatham, and installed the officers, ably assisted by R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Macnabb ; I have to acknowledge the kindness and hospitality extended to me by the Companions of Wellington Chapter.

July 9th I visited Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, this Chapter being under the watchful eye of R. E. Comp. John A. MacKensie, and have great pleasure in stating that it stands second to none in the province. The city Chapters, St. John's, No. 3, and St. George's, No. 5, are working harmoniously together, and are in a healthy and flourishing condition. May 20th I received a communication from De Warrenne Chapter, No. 54, stating that Comp. Andrew Kellick was suspended for gross and unmasonic conduct.

May 26th I had the painful duty to perform in St. John's Chapter, No. 3, to suspend Comp. William Wall Gray during

pleasure of Grand Chapter, for being drunk and for unmasonic conduct, I therefore recommend that Grand Chapter will confirm the same. In conclusion I beg to tender my sincere thanks to all the Chapters and Companions in my District for the very courteous and brotherly manner in which I was treated, and the right hearty welcome they always extended to me on the occasion of my visits to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES O'CONNOR,

*Grand Superintendent London District.*

## WILSON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution it becomes my duty to present a Report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District, over which I had the honor at the last regular Convocation of Grand Chapter of being elected as Grand Superintendent.

In assuming the office I fully intended and expected to visit every Chapter in my District, and to devote the necessary time requisite to the proper discharge of the duties appertaining to the position. This intention, however, I regret to say, owing to business and other engagements, I have not been able satisfactorily to carry out, and trust, therefore, that those Chapters I have not visited will kindly accept my apologies.

I have great pleasure in reporting that during the year I have never been required to adjudicate upon any grievances or appeals of any kind, which indicates the harmony and good feeling existing, and also the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District. The number of Chapters remain as heretofore, no new applications having been made during the past year.

I cannot conclude this report without alluding to the great loss we have sustained in the death of our late M. E. Comp. William M. Wilson, and we have to deplore the removal of one whose valuable services to Masonry will never be forgotten. In this District, which bears his name, I need hardly say a vacancy is left which will be difficult to fill, and we will miss the kindly counsel of one who was ever ready to impart information, or give his valuable assistance and advice whenever required, and his innumerable acts of kindness will keep his name long in grateful remembrance

In surrendering the trust reposed in me I thank my Companions most sincerely for the honor they conferred, and regret exceedingly that I was not able to render them more essential service.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

JOHN WILSON,
*Grand Superintendent Wilson District.*

SIMCOE, August 5th, 1875.

## HURON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent of this District I have to report that I have visited six out of the ten Chapters. I regret my inability to have visited the remaining four, but my official duties rendered it impossible. Upon the whole I think Royal Arch Masonry is in a fair condition, but much requires to be done in some of the Chapters to render them completely efficient: I am led to believe that in a short time this difficulty will be cured. I received two applications for Chapters during the year, the first to be located at Harriston, in the County of Wellington, and the second at Seaforth, in the County of Huron. I recommended both applications and dispensations were granted by the M. E. the G. Z.

I have opened both these Chapters, and installed their Principals.

I recieved to-day an application from certain Companions in the Village of Waterloo for a new Chapter at that place. This application will be brought before Grand Chapter,

At the last Convocation of Grand Chapter I gave notice of motion for the formation of a new District, to be called the Wellington District, I earnestly recommend this to Grand Chapter, believing it to be in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in this section of the country.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC F. TOMS,

*Grand Superintendent Huron District.*

GODERICH, August 7th, 1875.

## HAMILTON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

In submitting my report on the condition and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District, I have pleasure in stating that although I have not officially visited all the Chapters in the District, I have had the satisfaction of either seeing the work exemplified, or examining the books of every Chapter under my jurisdiction.

I granted a dispensation to the members of "King Hiram" Chapter, Port Colborne, to enable them to appear (at a festival given by them) in their Royal Arch clothing.

I was present at the dedication of the new Chapter rooms in Hamilton, when immediately after the ceremony an exaltation took place, affording me the opportunity of having both the work of the Hiram and St. John's Chapters well exemplified, and which was worthy of all commendation.

I recommended a petition for a dispensation to establish a new Chapter at Welland, to be named "Willson Chapter" and on the 17th of March I, with the assistence of R. E. Companion

Parry, Ex. Comp. Neff and other excellent Companions, duly opened the Chapter and installed its three Principals, and would recommend that a Warrant of Constitution be granted to Willson Chapter.

The Grand Z. honored the Companions with his presence on the occasion.

I paid an official visit to Niagara Chapter and found the books regular and well kept, but the work being under the charge of visiting Companions, I can only hope that the energy of the Principals of the Chapter equals their known ability.

I officially visited Maccallum Chapter, but they having no unfinished work, I can only express the belief that from my knowledge of its Officers, past and present, its prosperity is certain. The books of the Chapter are creditable to its Scribe E.

I visited the Z. of the King Hiram Chapter, at Port Colborne, and in his presence examined the books of the Chapter, which are neatly and correctly kept.

I have visited Mount Moriah Chapter, of St. Catharines, unofficially on several occasions during the year, its prosperity under the able guidance of its esteemed Z. is all that can be desired, its minutes and proceedings are regularly and well recorded.

I regret to have to refer to a complaint made by certain Companions of Willson Chapter, against King Hiram Chapter, for infringemcnt of territorial jurisdiction, but am pleased to report that the matter was amicably adjusted, and the harmony that should exist between neighbouring Chapters fully restored.

I recommended a petition for a dispensation to establish a Chapter at Grimsby, to be called the "Grimsby Chapter," and on the 4th inst., assisted by Ex. Companions Mason, Brierly, Stewart, and other visiting Companions, I opened the Chapter and delivered the dispensation into the hands of, and especially entrusted it to the care of Companion Wm. Forbes, the Companion named

in the dispensation as First Principal Z. of the Grimsby Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY CARLISLE,
*Grand Superiutendent Hamilton District.*

## TORONTO DISTRICT.

*To the M. E. the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Ghapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

As required by the Constitution, I have the honor to submit this, my annual Report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District. All the Chapters are in a harmonious and prosperous condition, no Masonic complaint whatever having reached me.

In January last I visited King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, Toronto, and had the pleasure of installing the Officers elect for the present year, being kindly assisted by Right Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, and Right Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargant, and am happy to be able to state that it is second to none, and fully sustains its well earned reputation for correctness of work and strict observance of the Constitution.

I also received a very kind invitation from the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, to attend and install their Officers elect. But circumstances, I am sorry to say, prevented me attending, I, however, consoled myself with the thought that as they had among themselves such distinguished and learned Royal Arch Masons, there was no real need of an official visit from me.

On the 22nd of April last I visited Doric Chapter, Newmarket. dedicated the same and installed the Officers elect, being kindly assisted by Ex. Comp. J. W. H. Wilson, P. Z., and Very Ex. Comp. W. H. Walkem, Grand Sword Bearer. From the zeal shown by the 1st Principal and Officers of this Chapter to perfect themselves in the Ritual, it will be sure to make its mark in Capitular Masonry.

I visited Seymour Chapter, Bradford, at the Regular Convocation in January, and installed the Officers elect for the present year.

During the year I recommended the petition for establishing a new Chapter at Yorkville, to be called Ontario Chapter, for which a Dispensation has been granted, and from the ability and zeal of its 1st Principal, Ex. Comp. Blackwood, assisted by other good Officers and Companions, I have every confidence that the Chapter will attain a good position in the District. I would respectfully recommend that a Warrant be issued to this Chapter.

I was requested to attend and install the Officers of Georgian Chapter, Owen sound, but found it impossible to accede thereto, on account of previous business arrangements. As this Chapter possesses the advantages of the wisdom and ability of Ex. Comp. H. Macpherson, I have every confidence in its future.

I was unable to visit Signet Chapter, Orillia, and Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, but take it for granted that Rt. Ex. Comps. Robertson and Ramsay would have notified me had my services been required.

I was unable to visit York Chapter, Eglington, but as Right Ex. Comp. D. Spry, Past Grand Superintendent of this District, was the 1st Principal, and as the present Ex. Comp. A. L. Wilson and the Officers of the Chapter are earnest workers, I feel assured that it has been and is well conducted, and I am informed that it is correctly worked.

I have to thank the Officers and Companions of the Chapters in the Toronto District for the courtesy and kindness with which I have been received at all times during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. PORTER,

*Grand Superintendent Toronto District.*

## ONTARIO DISTRICT.

*To the Grand Z. and Comps. in Grand Chapter assembled :*

In presenting my Report for Ontario District, I am happy to state that a goodly degree of prosperity is within our bounds, and I have had no calls to adjudicate differences during my second term of office. On account of press of private business, I have been unable to give that time which I desired to the Chapters under my jurisdiction. I installed the officers of the Cobourg Chapter, in which I was ably assisted by your Grand H., Rt. Ex. Comp. Weller. Last month I installed the Officers of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro', in which I had the assistance. not only of Rt. Ex. Comp. Weller, but also that of your Immediate Past Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, to these Companions I am under obligations. Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, is working well, the Officers being well versed in their work. Excelsior Chapter, Colborne, has, to all appearance, prosperous days before her, and good material is being brought in. The other Chapters in my District I have not been able to visit, but, from all I can learn, they are working pretty harmoniously.

Thanking the Companions of the District, and your Grand Chapter for honors received, I trust you will have a pleasant Session.

PETER BEGG,

*Grand Superintendent Ontario District.*

BRIGHTON, Aug. 11, 1875.

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit the following Report on the state of Capitular Masonry in the Prince Edward District.

The number of Chapters in my District are four, viz :—Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton, and Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee.

I have officially visited the Prince Edward and Mount Sinai Chapters, and Installed their Officers, and I am happy to say that they are in a satisfactory state.

I regret having been unable to visit the Moira and St. Mark's Chapters, but I am informed that they are ably presided over by skilful Companions, and, therefore, no doubt in a very prosperous condition.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaints have been made to me during my term of office.

In conclusion I have to tender my warmest thanks to the Companions throughout the District for their kindness and courtesy throughout my official intercourse with them.

All which is most respectfully submitted

DAVID DENOON,

*Grand Superintendent Prince Edward District.*

PICTON, 5th August, 1875.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief Report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District.

During the year I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Sussex and Granite Chapters, both of which were established last year, and now give evidence of becoming good working Chapters.

I also visited Carlton Chapter, Ottawa, and must compliment the Companions of that Chapter upon the manner that everything in connection therewith is conducted.

It was my intention to visit Kingston, but absence of the Principals prevented my doing so when time allowed, but from personal acquaintance with them, I am satisfied that everything is properly conducted in those Chapters.

I have had no communication with Pembroke Chapter, and have been unable to visit it.

In December last I received a petition from the Companions of Maitland, for a Chapter in that place, and requesting me to recommend it, this I declined to do for some time, but was induced by the action of Sussex and Grenville Chapters to comply with their request, and the Grand Z. has since granted a Dispensation.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaints have been made to me during my term of office.

I now tender my thanks to the Companions of the District for their kindness in my official intercourse with them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES STEPHENSON,
*Grand Superintendent Central District*

## MONTREAL DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I beg to submit the following Report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Montreal District.

During the past year I have visited all the Chapters in the District, and from an intimate acquaintance with their internal economy, I have formed an opinion that there are more Chapters in the District than can be worked with perfect success, believing this I encouraged a movement commenced last winter towards the union of Carnarvon and Montreal Chapters, and at the time I had strong grounds for belief that the union would be effected. However the union was not completed and the Chapters remain the same as last year, namely :—Carnarvon, No. 21; Mount Horeb, No. 25; Montreal, No. 42; Royal Albert, No. 43; St. Charles, No. 51.

The Chapters are working in harmony and as prosperous as could be expected under existing circumstances.

During the past winter I granted a dispensation to all Royal Arch Masons who attended the Annual Assembly of the Royal Albert Lodge to appear in Royal Arch Regalia.

I caused to be printed and circulated the Resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter regarding a formation of a Grand Chapter for Quebec, having done so, I considered my duty there ended.

In conclusion I have to thank the Members of the several Chapters for their uniform kindness during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. COPELAND.

*Grand Superintendent Montreal District.*

MONTREAL, July 29th, 1875.

## EASTERN TOWNSHIPS' DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit the following report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships' District.

I very much regret to find that the very prosperous condition of the different Chapters in this District that my predecessors have had from time to time occasion to report in years past, does not now exist.

The unhappy differences caused by the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, led to an estrangement or gradual withdrawal from active participation in the work of the Chapters, on the part of many of the older members; this in turn caused a difficulty in filling the more important offices with Companions qualified either in rank or with experience to properly work them.

This is more especially the case with two of the Chapters in the District.

Golden Rule, No. 9, Sherbrooke, is not in active working order, nor do I learn from conversation and correspondence with some of its members that there is any immediate prospect of a renewed interest sufficient to put it in order. This is very much to be regretted considering the high position it once held.

Dorchester, No. 17, Waterloo, though not in so bad a plight as the last named, has done but little work during the past year.

I am strongly in hopes that the younger members, with assistance from some of their elders will be able to revive an interest sufficient to resume more active work. There is no lack of work but of workmen.

Prevost, No. 14, Dunham, is more prosperous, with a more active membership.

No Masonic Complaints have been laid before me during my term of Office.

Could a renewed interest be created for a time, our Chapters might again be crowded with work. Our thriving community is full of the best material, and there are many anxiously awaiting further light.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. PARMELEE,

*Grand Supt. Eastern Townships' District.*

Waterloo, Aug. 7th, 1875.

## NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Principals and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

In the report of Proceedings of Grand Chapter for the past year I observed that my name was not in the list of Grand Superintendents of Districts, and I did not know whether it was right for me to act in that capacity or not; however, as no other name appeared in that list for New Brunswick, I have acted as Grand Superintendent up to the present time, and beg leave to report as follows:

That New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, in the city of St. John, N. B., is working harmoniously. That Comp. Henry Duffell has been re-elected to the chair of 1st Principal Z., and that he and the other officers have by me been duly installed.

This is the third time Companion Duffell has been elected 1st Principal of this Chapter, and I believe the 1st time that any companion has ever filled the 1st Principal's Chair for more than two years, since the Chapter's formation

In my last report I stated that New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter must prosper whilst under the care of so efficient an officer and I can assure you that such has been the case. This Chapter has for years past been heavily in debt; a large amount was due the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, but I am happy now to have it in my power to say, that this and *all other* debts have been fully paid; that New Brunswick Chapter is again *free*, and that before her there is the prospect of a bright future.

I regret exceedingly that since my last report I have been unable to visit Botsford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 39, Moncton, N. B., but I am informed that the Chapter is in good working order.

No Masonic complaints have been made to me from either Chapter, nor has there been cause for any.

In conclusion I tender my thanks to the Companions of New Brunswick District for their many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,
*Grand Superintendent New Brunswick District.*

## MANITOBA DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have much pleasure in reporting that Prince Rupert's Chapter, the only one in the Province, is in a prosperous condition, and no Masonic complaints during the past year.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. HENDERSON,
*Grand Superintendent Manitoba.*

WINNIPEG, 5th August, 1875.

The Grand scribe E. submitted the following Annual Statements of moneys received during the past year, together with the Books, &c., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

## ANNUAL STATEMENT AUGUST, 1875.

R. E. Comp. J. W. Murton, acting G. S. E., in account with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

| Dr. | $ | c. | 1874. | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 7—Moira | 22 | 80 | Oct. 13—By Grand Treas. | $341 13 |
| " 14—Prevost | 9 | 00 | | |
| " 16—Carleton | 77 | 50 | | |
| " 17—Dorchester | 22 | 00 | | |
| " 20—Mount Horeb | 15 | 00 | | |
| " 23—Ezra | 28 | 90 | | |
| " 30—Huron | 43 | 40 | | |
| " 36—Corinthian | 4 | 20 | | |
| " 38—Seymour | 9 | 10 | | |
| " 39—Botsford | 14 | 00 | | |
| " 41—Harris | 5 | 65 | | |
| " 47—Wellington | 35 | 80 | | |
| " 48—St John's | 13 | 78 | | |
| U. D.—Havelock, | 40 | 00 | | |
| | $341 | 13 | | $341 13 |

## ANNUAL STATEMENT, AUGUST 1875.

R. P. Stephens, G. S. E., in account with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1—Ancient Frontenac | 36 60 | 1875. | |
| " 2—The Hiram | 66 00 | April 19.—By Grand Treas. | $791 00 |
| " 3—St. John | 40 60 | July 31. " " | 659 80 |
| " 4—St. Andrew and St. John | 59 20 | | |
| " 5—St. George | 37 25 | | |
| " 6—St. John | 42 00 | | |
| " 8—King Solomon | 104 60 | | |
| " 12—Cataraqui | 23 60 | | |
| " 15—Wawanosh | 2 00 | | |
| " 18—Oxford | 25 00 | | |
| " 19—Mount Moriah | 35 60 | | |
| " 20—Mount Horeb | 13 25 | | |
| " 21—Carnarvon | 20 40 | | |
| " 24—Tecumseh | 18 40 | | |
| " 27—Manitou | 26 00 | | |
| " 28—Pentalpha | 18 70 | | |
| " 29—McCallum | 41 40 | | |
| " 30—Huron | 19 00 | | |
| " 31—Prince Edward | 28 10 | | |
| " 32—Waterloo | 21 00 | | |
| " 35—Keystone | 14 10 | | |
| " 36—Corinthian | 69 30 | | |
| " 37—Victoria | 27 60 | | |
| " 38—Seymour | 6 00 | | |
| " 39—Botsford | 23 30 | | |
| " 40—Guelph | 10 40 | | |
| " 42—Montreal | 45 50 | | |
| " 43—Royal Albert | 38 00 | | |
| " 45—Excelsior | 16 00 | | |
| " 49—Elora | 12 40 | | |
| " 51—St. Charles | 74 00 | | |
| " 54—De Warrenne | 59 00 | | |
| " 57—King Hiram | 32 30 | | |
| " 59—Sussex | 30 70 | | |
| " 60—Doric | 19 80 | | |
| " 61—Granite | 40 40 | | |
| " 62—York | 12 60 | | |
| U. D.—Wilson | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Ontario | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Seaforth | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Enterprise | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Maitland | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Grimsby | 40 00 | | |
| Constitutions | 70 | | |
| | $1.450 80 | | $1,450 80 |

Moneys have since been received from the following Chapters :---Nos 3, 7, 10, 14, 16, 22, 23, 25, 31, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 53. 55, 60, 63, 65, 68, 69.

# BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1875.

| No. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE. | LAST RETURNS | VARIOUS. | 1874 | 1875 | AM'T DUE. | CREDITS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac ... .. | Kingston .. .. ... | January. | | | 1875 | | |
| 2 | The Hiram .. ... ... ... | Hamilton ... .. ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 3 | St. John's ... ... ... .. | London... ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John... | Toronto ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 2 00 | |
| 5 | St. George's... ... ... ... | London... ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 6 | St. John's ... ... ... ... | Hamilton ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 24 00 | |
| 7 | Moira .. ... ... ... ... | Belleville ... ... .. | " | | | 1875 | 30 20 | |
| 8 | King Solomon's ... ... ... | Toronto ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 9 | Golden Rule ... ... ... | Sherbrooke ... ... ... | " | 1869 | | | 51 00 | |
| 10 | New Brunswick ... ... ... | St. John ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 12 | Cataraqui .. ... ... ... | Kingston .. ... .. | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 13 | Stadacona ... ... ... ... | Quebec ... ... .. ... | " | 1873 | | | | |
| 14 | Prevost... ... ... ... ... | Dunham ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | 20 |
| 15 | Wawanosh ... .. ... . . | Sarnia .. .. ... .. | " | | 1874 | | | |
| 16 | Carleton ... .. ... ... | Ottawa ... ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 17 | Dorchester ... ... ... ... | Waterlo ... ... ... | " | 1872 | | | | |
| 18 | Oxford .. .. ... ... ... | Woodstock .. ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 19 | Mount Moriah ... ... ... | St. Catharines ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 20 | Mount Horeb ... ... .. | Brantford ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | 2 00 |
| 21 | Carnarvon ... ... ... ... | Montreal ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 22 | Grenville ... .. ... .. | Prescott ... ... .. | " | | 1874 | | 1 35 | |
| 23 | Ezra ... ... ... ... ... | Simcoe ... .. ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 4 75 | |
| 24 | Tecumseh ... ... ... ... | Stratford . ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 25 | Mount Horeb .. ... .. | Montreal ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 26 | St. Mark's ... ... ... ... | Trenton ... ... ... | " | 1873 | | | 19 00 | |
| 27 | Manitou, ... ... .. ... | Collingwood... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 28 | Pentalpha ... ... ... ... | Oshawa .. ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 29 | McCallum .. ... ... .. | Dunnville ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | 29 20 | |
| 30 | Huron ... ... .. ... .. | Goderich ... ... ... | " | | | 1875 | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | Prince Edward | Picton | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 32 | Waterloo | Galt | " | | | 1875 | 10 40 | |
| 34 | Signet | Orillia | " | 1873 | | | 2 58 | |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby | " | | | 1875 | 4 00 | |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro' | " | | | 1875 | 5 40 | |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll | " | | | 1875 | 10 00 | |
| 42 | Montreal | Montreal | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 43 | Royal Albert | Montreal | " | | | 1875 | 2 00 | |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | Napanee | " | 1873 | | | | |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne | " | | | 1875 | 11 00 | |
| 46 | St. James | St. Mary's | " | 1873 | | | 2 75 | |
| 47 | Wellington | Chatham | " | | 1874 | | | |
| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg | " | | | 1875 | 2 00 | |
| 49 | Elora | Elora | " | | | 1875 | 1 00 | |
| 50 | Saugeen | Walkerton | " | 1873 | | | 28 00 | |
| 51 | St. Charles | Point St Charles | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 52 | Prince Rupert's | Winnipeg | " | | | 1875 | 46 40 | |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia | " | | | 1875 | 11 00 | |
| 54 | De Warrenne | St. Thomas | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara | " | | | 1875 | 34 40 | |
| 56 | Georgian | Owen Sound | " | | 1874 | | 5 00 | |
| 57 | King Hiram | Port Colborne | " | | | 1875 | 2 00 | |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke | " | | | | 10 00 | |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville | " | | | 1875 | 1 20 | |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket | " | | | 1875 | | |
| 61 | Granite | Perth | " | | | 1875 | 10 00 | |
| 62 | York | Eglinton | " | | | 1875 | 11 00 | |
| 63 | Havelock | Lucknow | " | | | 1875 | 10 00 | |
| | | | | | | | $386 63 | $2 20 |

## Tabular Statement Extracted from the Returns for the year 1875.

| No. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Registrat'n | No. of Joinings, | With-drawals. | Suspen-sions, | Deaths. | No. of Members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac ... .. | Kingston .. ... .. | 7 | .. | 4 | 4 | 3 | 65 |
| 2 | The Hiram ... ... .. ... | Hamilton .. .. .. | 21 | 2 | 3 | .. | 2 | 100 |
| 3 | St. John's, ... ... .. ... | London .. .. .. | 10 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 43 |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John... | Toronto .. ... .. | 12 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 116 |
| 5 | St. George's .. ... .. ... | London .. .. .. | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | ... | 95 |
| 6 | St. John's ... ... ... ... | Hamilton .. .. .. | 11 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 155 |
| 7 | Moira ... ... ... ... .. | Belleville .. .. .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | ... | 66 |
| 8 | King Solomon's ... ... ... | Toronto .. .. .. | 24 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 138 |
| 9 | *Golden Rule... ... ... ... | Sherbrooke .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72 |
| 10 | New Brunswick ... ... ... | St. John .. .. .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 122 |
| 12 | Cataraqui ... ... ... ... | Kingston .. .. .. | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 58 |
| 13 | ‡Stadacona ... ... ... ... | Quebec .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | 56 |
| 14 | Prevost... ... .. ... .. | Dunham .. .. .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | ... | 50 |
| 15 | §Wawanosh ... ... ... .. | Sarnia .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | 59 |
| 16 | Carleton ... ... ... ... | Ottawa .. .. .. | 13 | 1 | 5 | .. | ... | 109 |
| 17 | †Dorchester ... ... ... ... | Waterloo ... ... .. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | 51 |
| 18 | Oxford .. ... ... .. ... | Woodstock .. .. | 4 | .. | .. | 4 | ... | 35 |
| 19 | Mount Moriah ... .. .. | St. Catharines.. .. | 14 | .. | 1 | ... | 1 | 98 |
| 20 | Mount Horeb ... ... .. | Brantford... .. .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | ... | 36 |
| 21 | Carnarvon .. .. .. .. | Montreal .. .. .. | 9 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 36 |
| 22 | §Grenville .. ... .. ... | Prescott .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 48 |
| 23 | Ezra .. .. .. .. .. ... | Simcoe .. . .. | 7 | .. | 5 | .. | 3 | 36 |
| 24 | Tecumseh .. .. .. . | Stratford .. .. .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 5 | 1 | 37 |
| 25 | Mount Horeb .. .. .. | Montreal .. .. .. | 12 | 1 | 8 | .. | 1 | 105 |
| 26 | ‡St. Mark's .. .. .. .. | Trenton .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | 25 |
| 27 | Manitou .. .. .. .. | Collingwood .. ... | 6 | .. | 5 | .. | ... | 41 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | Pentalpha | Oshawa | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .. | 46 |
| 29 | McCallum | Dunnville | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 30 | Huron | Goderich | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 52 |
| 31 | Prince Edward | Picton | 11 | 1 | 1 | .. | ... | 43 |
| 32 | Waterloo | Galt | 4 | .. | 8 | 4 | 1 | 44 |
| 34 | ‡Signet | Orillia | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 60 |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 40 |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro | 20 | 4 | 5 | 6 | ... | 34 |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope | 6 | 1 | 3 | ... | .. | 43 |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford | .. | .. | 6 | 5 | ... | 32 |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton | 6 | .. | 1 | ... | 1 | 44 |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | ... | 42 |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll | 6 | 2 | .. | . | 1 | 30 |
| 42 | Montreal | Montreal | 8 | .. | 8 | 3 | .. | 40 |
| 43 | Royal Albert | Montreal | 14 | 2 | .. | ... | ... | 52 |
| 44 | ‡Mount Sinai | Napanee | .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | 39 |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne | 16 | 2 | .. | ... | 1 | 33 |
| 46 | ‡St. James | St. Mary's | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 25 |
| 47 | §Wellington | Chatham | .. | .. | .. | ... | | 44 |
| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg | 3 | .. | 1 | ... | ... | 20 |
| 49 | Elora | Elora | 2 | .. | 1 | ... | 1 | 32 |
| 50 | ‡Saugeen, | Walkerton | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 23 |
| 51 | St. Charles | Point St. Charles | 15 | ... | .. | ... | 1 | 35 |
| 52 | Prince Rupert's | Winnipeg | 23 | 9 | .. | .. | 2 | 39 |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia | 22 | .. | .. | 1 | | 40 |
| 54 | De Warrenne | St. Thomas | 17 | .. | .. | 1 | | 40 |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara | 1 | .. | .. | .. | ... | 18 |
| 56 | §Georgian | Owen Sound | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | 25 |
| 57 | King Hiram | Port Colborne | 9 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 19 |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke | .. | .. | | ... | ... | 10 |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville | 11 | 3 | .. | ... | ... | 26 |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 |
| 61 | Granite | Perth | 12 | .. | 4 | ... | .. | 17 |
| 62 | York | Eglington | 9 | .. | .. | ... | ... | 18 |

Tabular Statement Extracted from the Returns for the year 1875.—*Cont.*

| No. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Registrat'n | No. of Joinings. | With-drawals. | Suspen-sions, | Deaths. | No. of Members. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | Havelock .. ... .. .. | Lucknow .. .. .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | 9 |
| UD. | Wilson .. .. .. .. .. | Welland .. .. .. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | 11 |
| UD. | Ontario .. .. .. .. .. | Yorkville .. .. .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | 11 |
| UD. | Seaforth .. .. .. .. | Seaforth .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 12 |
| UD. | Enterprise .. .. .. .. | Harriston .. .. ... | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | 9 |
| UD. | Maitland .. .. .. .. | Maitland .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | 12 |
| UD. | Grimsby .. .. .. .. | Grimsby .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | 15 |
| | | | 400 | 41 | 100 | 51 | 38 | 3102 |

*No Returns since 1869. † No Retnrns since 1872. ‡ No Returns since 1873. § No Returns since 1874.

## RECAPITULATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Chapters on the Roll, | 67 | Number of Withdrawals reported | 100 |
| " Represented in Grand Chapter | 54 | " Suspensions " | 51 |
| " Registrations reported | 400 | " Deaths " | 38 |
| " Joinings " | 41 | " Members on the Roll of Chapters | 3,102 |

Amount of Receipts for the year $1,791.93.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Statement of receipts and disbursements with Books and Vouchers, &c., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

## R. E. COMP. DAVID McLELLAN, G'D TREAS., IN AC. WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

| | | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1874. | | | |
| Aug. 1. | To balance on hand | | $2,110 75 |
| Nov. 7, | " Interest on $2,000 Dominion Stock to Oct. 31, 1874 | $50 00 | |
| 30. | " Interest on bank deposits to date | 44 33 | |
| 30. | " Grand Scribe E. | 341 13 | |
| 1875. | | | |
| April 20. | " Grand Scribe E. | 791 00 | |
| May 14. | " Interest on $3,000 Dominion Stock to April 30, 1875 | 75 00 | |
| " 31. | " Interest on bank deposits to date | 9 21 | |
| July 31. | " Grand Scribe E. | 659 80 | |
| | | | 1,970 52 |
| | | | $4,081 27 |
| Aug. 1, 1875. | To Balance in Bank | | $1,284 48 |
| " | " amount invested in 5 % Dominion Stock | | 3,000 00 |
| | | | $4,284 48 |

| | | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1874. | | | |
| Oct. 15. | By order C. D. Macdonnell | | 24 78 |
| Nov. 7. | " | Invested in 5 o/o Dominion Stock | 1,000 00 |
| " 18. | " | H. Robertson | 50 00 |
| " 30. | " | Mrs. T. B. Harris | 500 00 |
| " 30. | " | " " pd out by late G.S.E | 42 98 |
| " 30. | " | " " " " | 21 00 |
| " 30. | " | Lawson, McCulloch & Co | 22 00 |
| " 30. | " | J. P. Muir, vote Grand Lodge | 100 00 |
| " 30. | " | Mrs. T. B. Harris, ¼ allowance | 50 00 |
| " 30. | " | J. Sweetman, Janitor | 6 00 |
| 1875. | | | |
| Jan. 5. | " | J. W. Murton, acting G. S. E. | 125 00 |
| Jan. 5. | " | " " Incidentals | 72 33 |
| Feb. 1. | " | J. J. Mason | 100 00 |
| " 1. | " | Mrs. T. B. Harris ¼ allowance | 50 09 |
| " 27. | " | W. Bruce, Eng, warrants | 27 50 |
| " 27. | " | J. W. Murton, advertising | 5 20 |
| " 27. | " | Rolph & Co. | 150 00 |
| March 12. | " | R. P. Stephens, G. S. E. | 125 00 |
| April 28. | " | G. C. Patterson | 150 00 |
| May 22. | " | Mrs. T. B. Harris | 50 00 |
| May 22. | " | R. P. Stephens | 125 00 |
| July 32, | By balance on hand in Royal Canad'n Bank | | 1,284 48 |
| | | | $4,081 27 |

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was on motion of R. E.

Comp. R. Kincaid, seconded by V. E. Comp. J. O'Donnell, received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of South Carolina, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Wisconsin, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Mississippi, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

The Companions were severally greeted with the usual masonic salutations—which were suitably acknowledged.

The M. E. the Grand Z. presented, and read for the information of Grand Chapter, certain correspondence which had passed between himself and the Grand Scribe E. on the one hand, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia on the other, since the last Annual Convocation, in continuation of the correspondence reported in the Proceedings of last year in reference to our Representative near that Grand Chapter.

The correspondence was on motion referred to the Executive Committee.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present at this Annual Convocation were read from M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, and R. E. Comps. W. B. Simpson, A. A. Stevenson, W. J. B. McLeod Moore and J. Kirkpatrick Kerr.

R. E. Comp. D. Spry, on behalf of the Executive Committee, presented the following report on

## AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and

the Grand Scribe E. to the 1st of August, 1875, and find the same correct as presented.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The receipts for the past year are | | $1,970 52 |
| Expenditure for the year, general, | $1,146 79 | |
| Annual grant, Mrs. Harris, | 150 00 | |
| Salary, 1874, | 500 00 | |
| | | $1,796 79 |
| | | $173 73 |
| Balance from last year, | | $2,110 75 |
| | | $2,284 48 |
| Invested in Dominion Stock, | | 1,000 00 |
| | | $1,284 48 |
| Invested in Dominion Stock | | 3,000 00 |
| Total, | | $4,284 48 |

The Committee have also examined the following accounts, and recommend payment of the same:

| | |
|---|---|
| Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence, | $50 00 |
| Grand Scribe E. (J. W. Murton), | 25 00 |
| MAIL advertisement of funeral T. B. Harris | 3 00 |
| Rowsell & Hutchinson (printing), | 30 45 |
| John Cameron (advertising), | 2 50 |
| Advertising (FREE PRESS and CITIZEN), | 13 40 |
| James Bain (Stationery) | 16 10 |
| Grand Scribe E., petty items, | 52 95 |
| | $193 40 |

DANIEL SPRY,

*Chairman of Committee.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. Spry, seconded by V. E. Comp. J. O'Donnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation it was moved by R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and resolved—

That a new District be formed out of the Huron District, to be called the Wellington District, to be composed of the Counties of

Wellington and Waterloo, and Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, in the County of Bruce.

In accordance with a similar notice it was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and resolved—

That with a view to increasing the efficiency of the Executive Committee, in adding to its membership the most matured experience, that henceforth all past Grand Z.'s be *ex-officio* members of such Committee.

The following notices of motion of places for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter were given, viz., by—

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| E. Comp. Isaac Waterman, - - | City of London. |
| E. Comp. W. M. Somerville, - | City of Montreal |
| R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, - - | Town of Belleville. |

A petition for a new Chapter, to be named the Crand River Chapter, and to meet at Waterloo, was presented and referred to the Executive Committee.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

## WARRANTS.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the books and records of the undermentioned Chapters, under dispensation, and recommend that Warrants of Confirmation be granted:

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| Willson Chapter, | ...Welland, | Ont. |
| Ontario " | ...Yorkville, | " |
| Seaforth " | ...Seaforth, | " |
| Enterprise " | ..Harriston, | " |
| Maitland " | ...Maitland, | " |
| Grimsby " | ...Grimsby | " |

They have also had before them a petition for a new Chapter at Waterloo, Ontario, to be named "Grand River," and beg to leave

the issuing of a Dispensation to the discretion of the Most Ex. the Grand Z.

W. H. WELLER,

*Chairman Ex. Committee.*

It was moved by E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp, W. H. Weller reported, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that in its opinion the matters relating to our Representative near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia should remain in the hands of the M. E. Grand Z., to be dealt with by him.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Weller, seconded by R. E. Comp, Dr. Kincaid, that the above report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson also submitted the following report on

## CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

The Executive Committee begs leave to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada:

Reports have been recelved from the Grand Superintendents of London, Wilson, Huron, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central and Montreal Districts.

From these reports Capitular Masonry continues to progress favorably throughout this Jurisdiction, the Chapters are reported to be working in a harmonious and efficient manner so far as visited by the Superintendents, and no complaints of any consequence are reported

Some of the District Superintendents have visited all the Chapters in their District, and information has been had from nearly all Chapters not visited. It is strongly recommended that District

Superintendents should try and visit those Chapters that have not been visited during the previous year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WELLER,

*Chairman Ex. Committee.*

It was moved by E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. :—

## REPORT.

The Executive Committee respectfully submit the following report on the Address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal :

Your Committee unite with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his expression of sorrow at the great loss the Grand Chapter and Masonry generally have sustained through the death of the late M. E. Companion William Mercer Wilson, First Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter, who had devoted the best years of his life and his fullest energies to the advancement of Masonry, and whose name had become familiar as a household word throughout the Dominion. The Committee also regret that during the year death has taken from our midst other able and zealous Companions, who in days gone by held honorable positions in Capitular Masonry, and would recommend that memorial pages respecting them be prepared and published with the proceedings.

Your Committee concur with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his estimate of the importance that is to be attached to the installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master Mason of England, and *ex-officio* as Grand First Principal of that Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are glad to learn that our relations with sister Grand Chapters continue to be of a pleasant character, and that

representatives have been appointed by Grand Chapters not hitherto represented in this Grand Chapter, and they cordially recommend the confirmation of the appoiniment of R. E. Comp. R. D. Pulford, as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Your Committee rejoice with the M. E. the Grand Z. at the rapid progress this Grand Chapter has made since its organization in 1857, and at the great interest that is evinced in Capitular Masonry throughout the jurisdiction.

Your Committee agree with the M. E. the Grand Z., that dispensations to install Principles otherwise ineligible should only be granted upon very strong grounds, and that great care should be exercised by members of Chapters in selecting Companions to fill these high and honorable positions. Your Committee also approve of the suggestions that a tabulated record of all dispensations granted should be kept for reference in the office of the Grand Scribe E.

Your Committee regret that they cannot endorse the third ruling of the M. E. the Grand Z., as mentioned in his address, as as they do not think the Constitution requires that nine actual members of the Chapter are required to be present to open, and do work in a regular or emergent Convocation.

Your Committee observe with much pleasure that the M. E. the Grand Z. has been enabled to pay a number of official visits during the past year and to devote a large portion of his time in the interests of the Royal Craft.

Your Committee regret that inasmuch as the expenditure of Grand Chapter during the past year has so nearly equalled the income, they cannot recommend at present the appointment of a committee with reference to the purchase of a set of Grand Chapter Regalia.

Your Committee agree with the M. E. the Grand Z. in the desirability of having a set of Model By-laws and a Code of Trials prepared for the use of subordinate Chapters, and recommend that the Executive Committee be requested to draft the same for presentation at next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are glad to observe that the M. E. the Grand Z. bears testimony to the faithful manner in which the Grand Scribe E. has discharged his duties during the past year ; and also notice with pleasure his remarks with reference to the pains-taking and satisfactory manner with which R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson has prepared the report on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive.

E. Comp. Macpherson was greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz :

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| R. E. Comp. | L. H. Henderson. Belleville, | Grand | Z. |
| " " " | J. H. Stearns, Montreal, | " | H. |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, Woodstock, | " | J. |
| " " " | R. P. Stephens, Toronto, | " | Scribe E. |
| V. " " | E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood, | " | Scribe N. |
| " " | Garvin Stewart, Hamilton, | " | Prin. Sojo'r. |
| R. " " | David McLellan, Hamillon, | " | Treasurer. |
| " " | Wm. Kerr, Ottawa, | " | Registrar. |

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| E. Comp. | Geo. E. Murphy, Petrolia, | London | Disrtict. |
| V. " " | Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan | Wilson | " |
| R. " " | Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, | Huron | " |
| " " | W. D. Hepburn, Preston, | Wellington | " |

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| R. E. Comp. | Henry Carlisle, St. Catharines, | Hamilton | Dist. |
| " " " | J. W. H. Wilson, Bradford, | Toronto | " |
| " " " | Peter Begg, Brighton, | Ontario | " |
| V. " " | Wm. Doctor, Belleville, | P. Edward | " |
| " " | W. M. Somerville, Ottawa, | Central | " |
| R. " " | Frank Edgar, Montreal, | Montreal | " |
| " " " | Dr. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, | Eastern T's | " |

In accordance with notice given, the following places were put in nomination for the place for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter:

E. Comp. J. Waterman, the City of London.
R. " " R. Kincaid, the City of Montreal.
" " Rev. V. Clementi, the Town of Belleville

A vote of Grand Chapter having been severally taken, it was declared to be in favor of the City of Montreal.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. Sargant, and resolved—

That the village of Yorkville, in the township of York, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and resolved—

That in order to mark in an appropriate manner our appreciation of the services of the distinguished M. E. Companions who have held the office of Grand Z. a Past Grand Z's. jewel be procured and presented to M. E. Companions Harman, Macdonnell and Seymour.

The M. E. the Grand Z. appointed R. E. Companions D. Spry, F. J. Menet and R. P. Stephens, a Committee to procure and present the testimonials in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:

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| R. E. Comp. | Daniel Spry, | Toronto. |
| R. " " | Henry Robertson, | Collingwood. |

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| E. Comp. | Henry Macpherson, | Owen Sound. |
| R. E. " | W. H. Weller, | Cobourg. |
| " " | J. J. Mason, | Hamilton. |

By an open vote of Grand Chapter, Comp. Benjamin Baker, of Montreal, was elected Grand Janitor for the ensuing year.

M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour, Past Grand Z., proceeded with the installation of the Elected officers for the ensuing year as follows :

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| M. E. Comp. | L. H. Henderson, Belleville, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| R. " " | J. H. Stearns, Montreal, | " H. | |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, Woodstock, | " J. | |
| " " " | R. P. Stephens, Toronto, | " Scribe E. | |
| " " " | E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood, | " " N. | |
| " " " | Gavin Stewart, Hamilton, | " Prin. Sojo'r. | |
| " " " | David McLellan, Hamilton, | " Treasurer. | |
| " " " | Wm. Kerr, Ottawa, | " Registrar. | |
| " " " | Benjamin Baker, Montreal, | " Janitor. | |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Geo. E. Murphy, Petrolia, | London District. |
| " " " | Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan, | Wilson " |
| " " " | Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, | Huron " |
| " " " | W. D. Hepburn, Preston, | Wellingt'n " |
| " " " | Henry Carlisle, St. Catharines, | Hamilton " |
| " " " | J. W. H. Wilson, Bradford, | Toronto " |
| " " " | Peter Begg, Brighton, | Ontario " |
| " " " | Wm. Doctor, Belleville, | P. Edward " |
| " " " | W. M. Somerville, Ottawa, | Central " |
| " " " | Frank Edgar, Montreal, | Montreal " |
| " " " | Dr. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, | Eastern T's " |

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the year ensuing viz :

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| V. E. Comp. | James Norris, Toronto, | Grand 1st Asst. Soj'r. |
| " " " | Wm. Young Montreal, | " 2nd " " |
| " " " | J. N. Carter, Picton, | " Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | H. A. Baxter, London, | " Standard " |
| " " " | Jas. B. Neff, Port Colborne, | " Dir'tr. of Cer's. |
| " " " | Dr. W. J. Palmer, Belleville, | " Organist. |
| " " " | Jas. Canfield, Ingersoll, | " Pursuivant. |
| " " " | M. Gilbranson, Oshawa, | Grand Stewards. |
| " " " | W. H. Walkem, Bradford | |
| " " " | C. H. Sorley, Ingersoll | |
| " " " | Jas. Somerville, Lucknow, | |

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected and appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Chauncey Bennett, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm Kerr, and resolved :—

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, for the excellent arrangement made for the holding of this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the generous hospitalities extended to the Representatives and Visitors."

It was moved by E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. H. Stearns, and resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, to the Grand Trunk and Buffalo and Goderich, the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, and the Great Western, Air Line, and Wellington Grey and Bruce Railways, and to the proprietors of the steamer Picton, for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this Annual Convocation.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Brierley, that the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to M. E. Companions S. B. Harman and C. D. Macdonnell, for their courtesy in attending this Annual Convocation, and for their valuable assistance rendered to Grand Chapter in its deliberations.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour. seconded by R. E. Comp. J. H. Stearns, and resolved—

That the M. E. the Grand Z. be authorized to defray all the incidental expenses which have been incurred in connection with the holding of this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the proceedings thereof, as soon as the same shall have been completed and delivered to the Grand Scribe E.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following notice of motion for next Annual Convocation was given, viz :

By M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour,

That at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter he will move such amendment to the Constitution as will make the R. E. the 2nd Principal H. permanent chairman of the Executive Committee.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in ample form at 10 o'clock p. m.

*R. P. Stephens,*

Grand Scribe E.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

| NO. | NAME. | WHERE HELD. | STATED MEETINGS | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z. | SCRIBE E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac. | Kingston, O .. | Third Tuesday in Feb, May, August and Nov. | G. M. Wilkinson .. | W. A. Gunn |
| 2 | The Hiram ..... | Hamilton, O ... | First Monday of every month ..... .. ..... ... . | F. R. Despard .... | T. McGiverin |
| 3 | St. John's ..... | London, O ..... | Fourth Wednesday of every month..... | James O'Connor .. | John Siddons |
| 4 | St. And'w & St. John | Toronto, O..... | Third Friday of every month ..... ..... ... | J. Erskine ..... | John E. Mitchell |
| 5 | St. George's ..... ... | London, O ..... | Third Tuesday of every month..... | H. A. Baxter..... | M. D. Dawson |
| 6 | St. John's .. ..... | Hamilton, O ... | Second Thursday of every month..... ... | J. M. Gibson..... | Wm. G. Reid |
| 7 | Moira ..... | Belleville, O .. | First Tuesday of every month .. ..... | L. H. Henderson .. | W. L. Hamilton |
| 8 | King Solomon's... .. | Toronto, O..... | Third Monday of every month ..... | James Norris..... | W. J. Cameron |
| 9 | Golden Rule ..... | Sherbrooke, Q. | Tuesday on or before full moon in March, June, September and December ..... .. ..... | G. H. Borlace .... | Wm. Farwell, jr. |
| 10 | New Brunswick ... | St. John, N. B. | First Thursday in every month ..... .. .. ..... | Henry Duffill..... | D. S. Stewart |
| 12 | Cataraqui ... .. ..... | Kingston, O ... | Second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. | Robt. Hendry, jr.. | F. Rowland |
| 13 | Stadacona ..... | Quebec, Q..... | Second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct | F. T. Thomas .... | John Peverley, jr |
| 14 | Prevost ..... | Dunham, Q ... | First Thursday of every month..... | H. W. Wood..... | A. H. J. Gilmour |
| 15 | Wawanosh..... | Sarnia, O ... .. | Second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.... | Thos. Parkinson .. | E. A. Vidal |
| 16 | Carleton ..... ..... | Ottawa, O ..... | Second Monday of every month ..... ..... | William Kerr .... | H. W. Bennett |
| 17 | Dorchester..... | Waterloo, Q ... | First Thursday of every month ..... | W. A. Taylor .... | A. A. Gilmour |
| 18 | Oxford ..... ..... | Woodstock, O. | First Friday of every month ..... ..... ..... | James Canfield .... | Thomas D. Watson |
| 19 | Mount Moriah ..... | St Catharines, O | Friday on or before full moon of every month | Edwin Goodman .. | Wm. Dougan |
| 20 | Mount Horeb ..... | Brantford, O... | First Wednesday of every month..... | David Curtis..... | Robert Morton |
| 21 | Carnarvon ..... | Montreal, Q ... | Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov | J. H. Stearns..... | F. Cushing |
| 22 | Grenville ..... | Prescott, O..... | First Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct | James Stephenson. | John Francis |
| 23 | Ezra ..... | Simcoe, O ..... | Second Wednesday of every month..... ..... | Chauncey Bennett.. | Alexander Dow |
| 24 | Tecumseh ..... .... | Stratford, O ... | Last Tuesday of every month .. ..... .. ..... .. | Charles Paerkert .. | J. Baker |
| 25 | Mount Horeb ..... | Montreal, Q .. | Second Wednesday of every month.. ..... | H. Le Cappellain .. | Robert B. May |
| 26 | St. Mark's..... | Trenton, O..... | Second Wednesday of every month..... ..... | H. W. Delany .... | Charles Francis |
| 27 | Manitou ..... ..... | Collingwood, O | First Friday of every month. ..... ..... | P. Doherty..... | James Lindsay |
| 28 | Pentalpha ..... ..... | Oshawa, O..... | First Friday of every month . ..... | Geo. W. Garth.... | E. W. Couldridge |
| 29 | McCallum ..... | Dunnville, O... | Friday on or after full moon of every month.. | Chas. E. S. Black.. | Robert Nimmo |
| 30 | Huron ..... ..... | Goderich, O ... | First Friday of every month..... | Isaac F. Toms .... | Edward Hosker |
| 31 | Prince Edward ..... | Picton, O ..... | Friday on or after every full moon ..... | S. M. Conger..... | Donald Ross |
| 32 | Waterloo .. ..... | Galt, O ..... | Monday on or after full moon of every month. | J. S. Perine ..... | Wm. Barraclough |
| 34 | Signet.. ..... ..... | Orillia, O ..... | First Tuesday of every month . ..... | C. S. Elliot ..... | J. B. Thompson |

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| 35 | Keystone | Whitby, O | Third Thursday of every month | Geo. Hopkins | J. H. Addison. |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro', O | Third Friday of every month | J. O'Donnell | James Jardine. |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope, O | Second Thursday of every month | J. H. Helm | W. B. Wallace. |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford, O | Friday on or before full moon of every month. | H. S. Broughton | Ben. F. Kendall. |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton, N. B. | Third Monday of every month | Chris. P. Harris | Robt. A. Borden. |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph, O | Friday on or after every full moon | Wm. D. Hepburn | J. Mimmack. |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersol, O | First Tuesday after full moon of every month. | C. H. Sorley | F. G. Lewis. |
| 42 | Montreal | Montreal, Q | Second Friday of every month | J. C. Thurston | Charles E. Torrance |
| 43 | Royal Albert | Montreal, Q | Third Wednesday in the months of December March, June and October | E. M. Copeland | Wm. Millar, |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | Napanee, O. | Wednesday after full moon | H. L. Geddes | John Cheetham. |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne, O | First Thursday in every month | J. D. Henderson | A. Vars. |
| 46 | St. James' | St. Mary's, O | Second Wednesday in every month | H. Fred. Sharpe | W. A. Bayley, |
| 47 | Wellington | Chatham, O | Thursday on or before full moon of every month | John E. Brooke | Frederick Bates. |
| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg, O. | Friday on or before full moon of every month. | J. F. Mallory | William Jex. |
| 49 | Elora | Elora, O | Wednesday after full moon of every month | Wm. F. Savage | W. Gay. |
| 50 | Saugeen | Walkerton, O | Second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and October | Ezra A. Healy | Hugh Davidson. |
| 51 | St. Charles' | Pt. St. Charles, Q | First Tuesday of every month | James Gibson. | George D. Reed. |
| 52 | Prince Rupert | Winnipeg, M | First Thursday of every month | James Henderson | W. B. Thibaudeau. |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia, O | First Thursday of every month | Wm, H. McGarvey | R. Lawyer. |
| 54 | DeWarrenne | St. Thomas, O | First Tuesday of every month | N. S. McCall | William J. White. |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara, O | Thursday after full moon of every month | S. J. J. Brown | H. J. Brown. |
| 56 | Georgian | Owen Sound, O | Third Tuesday of every month | Henry Macpherson. | W. C. Sumner. |
| 57 | King Hiram | Pt. Colborne, O | First Thursday of every month | Chas. P. Nimmo | J. A. Griffith |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke, O | First Monday of every month | Wm. R. White | |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville, O | Friday on or prev. to full moon of every month | Thos. Wilkinson | William King, |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket, O | First Wednesday in every month | Andw. M. Hood | C. W. Lee. |
| 61 | Granite | Perth, O | Second Monday in every month | Joseph F. Kennedy. | Thos. Elliott. |
| 62 | York | Eglinton, O | Fonrth Thursday of every month | Arthur L. Willson | John McCarter. |
| 63 | Havelock | Lucknow, O | First Monday of every month | Jas. Somerville | John Martin. |
| 64 | Willson | Welland, O | Last Wednesday of every month | J. P. Willson | |
| 65 | Ontario | Yorkville, O | Second Wednesday of every month | T. F. Blackwood | |
| 66 | Seaforth | Seaforth, O | Friday before full moon of every month | D. McG. Malloch | |
| 67 | Enterprise | Harriston, O | Tuesday after full moon of every month, | Alex. Irvine | |
| 68 | Maitland | Maitland, O | Thursday nearest full moon in March, June, Sept & Dec. | G. C. Longley | |
| 69 | Grimsby | Grimsby, O | First Wednesday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept. Nov. | Wm. Forbes | |

## SUSPENSIONS.

### UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

*De Warrenne Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont.*

Comp. Andrew Kellock.

### NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

*Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.*

Comp. Isaac Hope,
" Richard Bunt, Sr.
Comp. Francis Bartlett.
" John Breden, Jr.

*St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ont.*

Comp. Edward Glackmeyer.
" James Robertson.
" John. E. Brooke.
Comp. J. H. Luscombe.
" J. S. Nesbitt.

*St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ont.*

Comp. R. S. Bradley.
" R. K. Johnson.
Comp. William Elliott.
" Thomas Hill.

*King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, Ont.*

Comp. G. A. Burnham.
" C. G. Fortier.
" John Harvie.
" A. Hamilton.
Comp. J. Murray.
" Robert McClelland.
" Francis Pearson.
" John Segsworth.

*Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, Ont.*

Comp. Alex. G. Shaw.
" George Oswald.
Comp. John Oswald.
" John Patterson.

*Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Ont.*

Comp. Thomas Maddocks.
" Thomas Winter.
" George Roderick.
Comp. J. Boyd.
" J. Rous.

*Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ont.*

Comp. G. H. Dartnell.

*Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, Ont.*

Comp. Thos. M. Simons.
" Archibald A. Watson.
Comp. George W. Bingham.
" R. C. F. Ellis.

*Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro', Ont.*

Comp. D. S. Eastwood.
" Chas. S. Jewett.
" John Turver.
Comp. William Turner.
" William Wood.
" William H. Greene.

*Seymour Chapter, No. 38, Bradford, Ont.*

Comp. J. A. R. McCallum.
" Robert Nelson.
" William McKay.
Comp. S. H. Dewart.
" W. C. Law.

*Montreal Chapter, No. 42, Montreal, Q.*

Comp. A. R. Sowden.
" C. E. Colson.
Comp. John Rhynas.

*Bruce Chapter, No, 53, Petrolia, Ont.*

Comp. Z. A. Elliott.

RESTORATIONS.

*Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ont.*

Comp. Charles Esplin.

# AT REST.

No. 1.

E. Comp. Francis Milo, 26th January, 1875.
Comp. B. C. Davy, 14th February, 1874.
Comp. George Anderson, 15th January, 1875.

No. 2.

R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, 18th August, 1874.
R. E. Comp. Thos. Duggan, M.D., 21st February, 1874.

No. 3.

Comp. Jacob Leclear, 10th August, 1874.

No. 4.

Comp. Geo. K. Chisholm, 15th April, 1874.
Comp. J. P. Cummings, 1st October, 1874.

No. 6.

Comp. William Donn, January, 1874.
Comp. James McKay, August, 1874.
Comp. Thomas McComb, 4th August, 1874.
Comp. John Scott, 29th April, 1874.
Comp. J. C. Fields, 1874.
R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, 18th August, 1874.

No. 8.

Comp. B. H. Campton, 15th July, 1874.
R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, 18th August, 1874.
Comp. Malcolm Morrison, 18th November, 1874.

No. 10.

Comp. J. B. Sincler, 1874.
Comp. George Symist, 5th January, 1875.

No. 12.

Comp. William McCadden, 18th May, 1874.
E. Comp. Francis Milo, 26th January, 1875.

No. 19.

R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, 18th August, 1874.

No. 21.

Comp. Joseph Carlisle, 23rd September, 1873.
Comp. George F. Pierce, 20th October, 1873.

No. 23.

Comp. EDMUND JACKSON, 12th May, 1874.
Comp. ANDREW LEES, 18th October, 1874.
Comp. WILLIAM GIBSON, 25th June, 1873.

No. 24.

Comp. JAMES BOLTON, 19th October, 1874.

No. 25.

Comp. John WILLIAMS, 5th March, 1874.

No. 30.

Comp. C. ROSS ROBERTSON, 26th November, 1874.

No. 32.

Comp. JOHN SCOTT, 29th April, 1874.

No. 41.

R. E. Comp. T. B. HARRIS, 18th August, 1874.

No. 45.

Comp. Dr. ALEX. N. BETHUNE, 6th July, 1874.

No. 49.

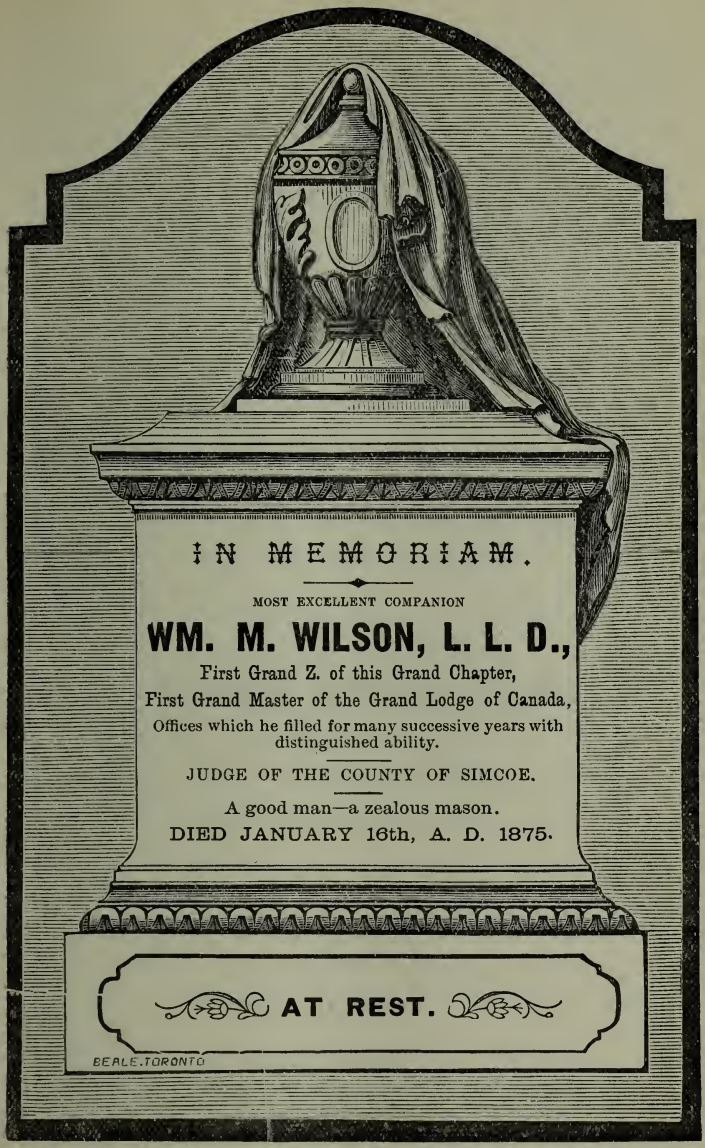
Comp. JOHN WOODLEY HELE, 18th January, 1875.

No. 51.

Comp. HUMPHREY MACFARLANE, 18th April, 1874.

No. 52.

R. E. Comp. J. V. NOEL, February, 1874.
Comp. B. R. ROSS, July, 1874.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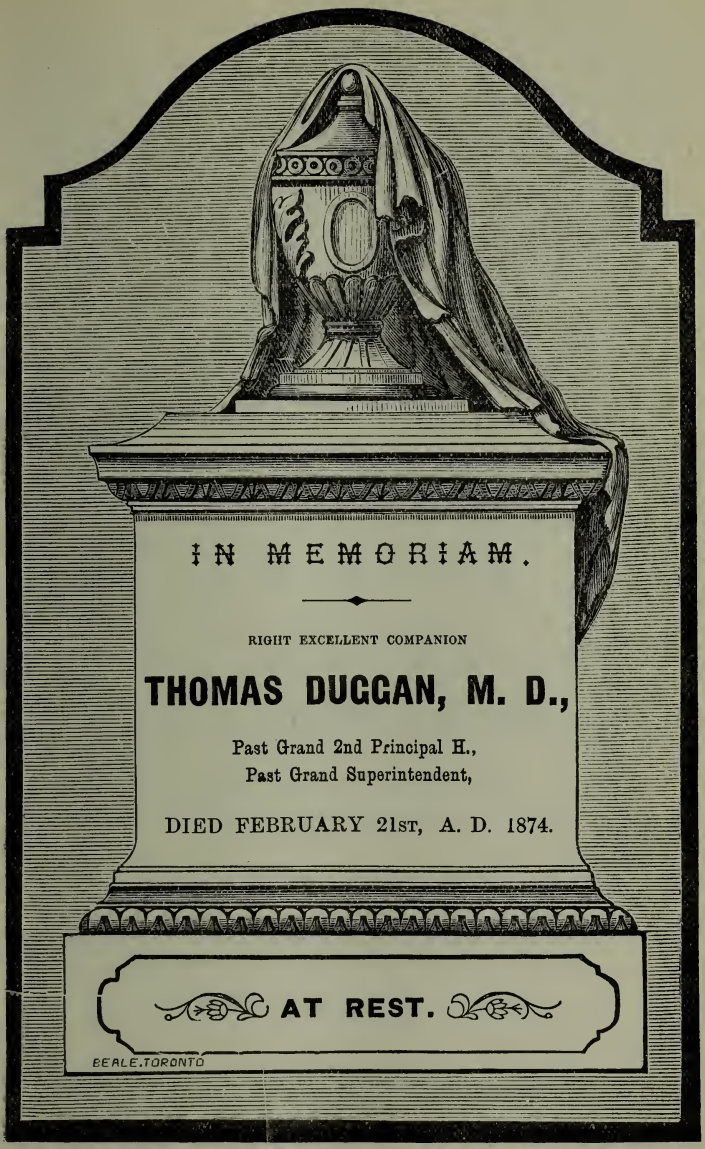
MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION
WM. M. WILSON, L. L. D.,
First Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter,
First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada,
Offices which he filled for many successive years with distinguished ability.
JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE.
A good man—a zealous mason.
DIED JANUARY 16th, A. D. 1875.
AT REST.
BEALE. TORONTO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Past Grand 2nd Principal H.,
Past Grand Superintendent,
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AT REST.
BEALE.TORONTO

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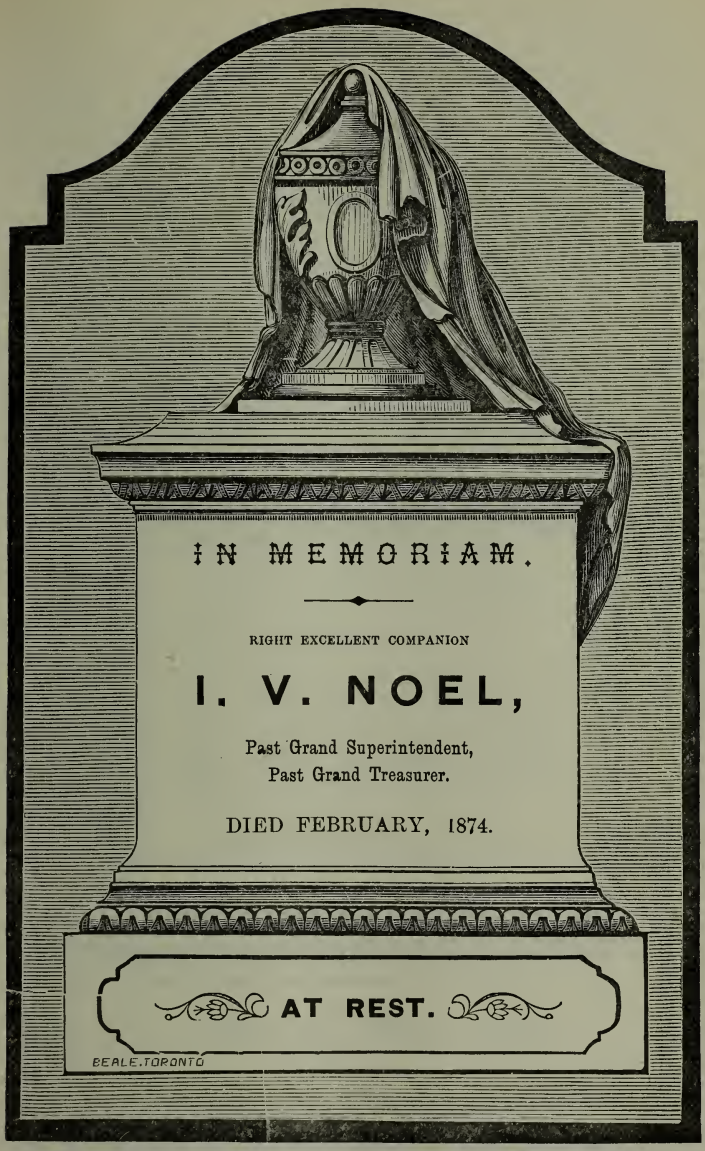
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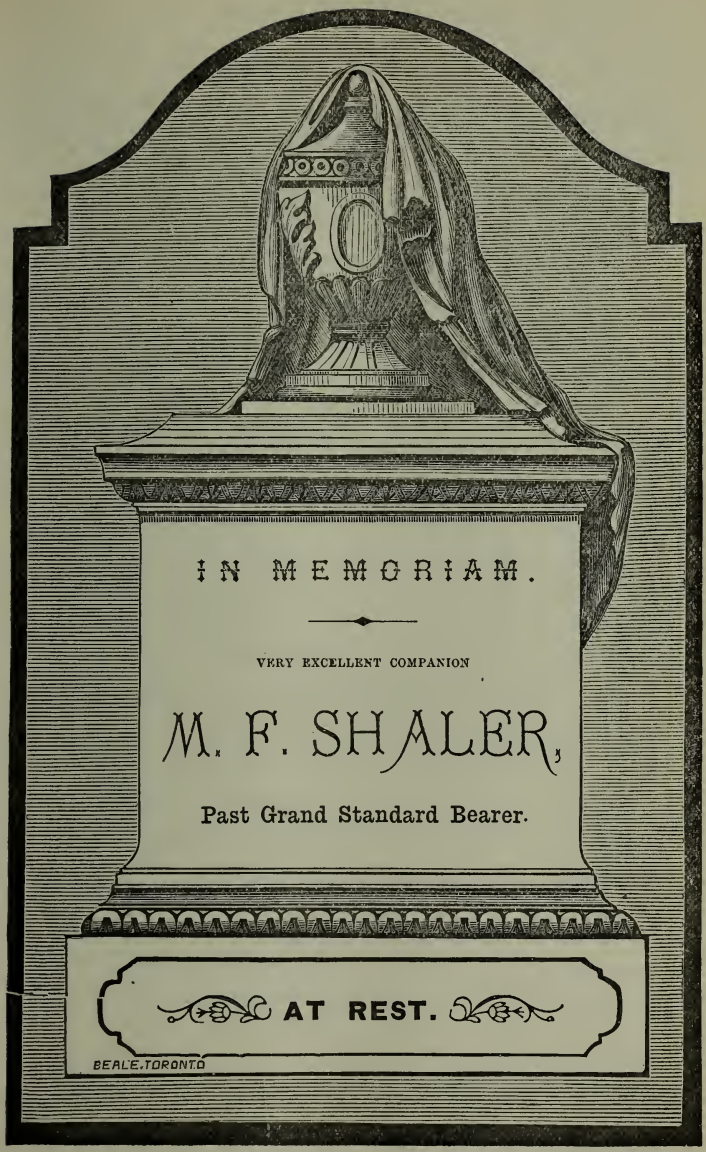
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| " | " | " | H. P. Deuel, | " | " | Nebraska. |
| " | " | " | Chas. A. Woodward, | " | " | Ohio. |
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# REPORT

—ON—

# FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

## FOR 1875.

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*To the M. E. Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report and Review of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters in other jurisdictions.

They have received and examined the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters, which will be noticed in detail in the usual alphabetical order.

The following table gives the names of the States, the number of the Covocation, (where it is found in the Proceedings), the place of meeting, the date and the names of the newly-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

It is thought that this Report may be shortened by thus giving, in a tabulated form, the information which has usually been scattered through the Report under the headings of the different jurisdictions :—

## GRAND CHAPTERS REVIEWED IN 1875.

| Name. | Ann. Conv. | Where Held. | Date. | Grand High Priest. | Grand Secretary. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 48th | Montgomery | Dec. 8, 1874 | M. J. Greene | Daniel Sayre |
| Arkansas | 25th | Little Rock | Oct. 2. 1874 | S. W. Williams | L. E. Barber |
| California | 21st | San Francisco | Apr. 13, 1875 | W. T. Reynolds | C. L. Wiggin |
| Delaware | 7th | Wilmington | Jan. 20, 1875 | Willis Holden | J. P. Allmond |
| District of Columbia | 8th | Washington | Nov. 20, 1874 | N. D. Larner | L. G. Stephens |
| Florida | 28th | Jacksonville | Jan. 12, 1874 | Michael Bowes | D. C. Dawkins |
| Illinois | 25th | Chicago | Oct. 29, 1874 | W. A. G. Delaneey | J. H. Miles |
| Indiana | 29th | Indianapolis | Oct. 21, 1874 | George H. Fish | J. M. Bramwell |
| Iowa | 21st | Dubuque | Oct. 20, 1874 | R. F. Bower | W. B. Langridge |
| Kansas | 10th | Leavenworth | Oct. 20, 1874 | J. M. Price | E. T. Carr |
| Kentucky | 59th | Louisville | Oct. 19, 1874 | J. P. Foree | J. M. S. McCorkle |
| Louisiana | 28th | New Orleans | Feb. 9, 1875 | S. J. Powell | J. C. Batchelor |
| Maryland | | Baltimore | Nov. 9, 1874 | J. W. Bowers | W. A. Wentz |
| Massachusetts | | Boston | Dec. 30, 1874 | J. W. Dadmun | Z. H. Thomas |
| Michigan | | Detroit | Jan. 19, 1875 | J. L. Mitchell | W. P. Innes |
| Minnesota | 13th | St. Paul | June 25, 1874 | S. R. Merrell | E. D. B. Porter |
| Missouri | 38th | St. Louis | Oct. 8, 1874 | R. E. Anderson | Geo. F. Gouley |
| Nebraska | 8th | Omaha | Jan. 5, 1875 | C. F. Goodman | W. R. Bowen |
| New Jersey | 18th | Trenton | Sep. 9, 1874 | John Woolverton | Thos. J. Corson |
| New York | 78th | Albany | Feb, 2, 1875 | J. B. Chaffee | C. G. Fox |
| Pennsylvania | | Philadelphia | Dec. 28, 1874 | Andrew Robeno, Jr. | John Thomson |
| Rhode Island | 76th | Providence | Mar. 10, 1874 | F. G. Jillson | G. H. Burnham |
| Tennessee | | Nashville | Nov. 4, 1874 | W. F. Foster | John Frizzell |
| Vermont | | Burlington | June 12, 1874 | J. W. Clark | W. H. S. Whitcomb |
| Virginia | | Richmond | Dec. 17, 1874 | B. M. Harris | John Dove |
| Wisconsin | 25th | Milwaukee | Feb. 16, 1875 | J. H. Evans | J. W. Woodhull |
| Gener'l Grand Chapter | 22nd | Nashville | Nov. 24. 1874 | E. H. English | C. G. Fox |

## ALABAMA.

From the address of the G. H. P. we learn that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Alabama is not only peaceful and harmonious but hopeful, although the energies of the people have been borne down by the general depression in commerce and finance.

One of his paragraphs is rather curious and seems out of place in a Masonic document :—

"Pardon me, Companions: I feel the change in every drop that courses through my veins. I have come but recently from the hustings. *There*, upon a political level with the sable sons of Africa ; *here*, on a social level with the virtue and intelligence of Alabama—my own loved companions—assembled in Grand Convocation. Who would not feel the change ? As the traveler who has journeyed through the dense malaria that hovers about the Pontine marshes, rises the eminence that brings into view the Eternal City, may be supposed to exclaim, 'and this is Rome, that sat upon her seven hills, and from her throne of beauty ruled the world,' so I, with a devotion doubly dear by contrast, hail this Grand Temple, where only white men 'meet upon the level and part upon the square.'"

He is perfectly sound in the following decision, which we notice because some of the Reporters hold a contrary opinion :—

"When a candidate for the degrees of the Chapter has been elected, he is entitled to those degrees ; *provided*, no charges are preferred against him. In other words, a second ballot for a candidate cannot be had after his election."

The "Work" was partly exemplified.

## ARKANSAS.

The Craft is reasonably prosperous. In view of the depressed condition of the State for the past few years it is creditable to the Fraternity that so many Chapters have preserved their organization.

St. John's College gives promise of permanent success.

The concluding paragraph of the address of the G. H. P. is in striking contrast to the one above quoted from Alabama :—

"Companions, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that we have had some lessons to learn, which six years of hard and bitter adversity have taught us ; and, looking back over them, we can see that nothing but the

cold iron of unrelenting power would have impressed the hard lessons so soon ; yet God, in his providence, intended we should learn them, and He did not remove his rod until we had conned them well. Those lessons were self-reliance, humility and the knowledge that there were rights which were common to man, which all must respect alike, whether our ancestors were bleached in the snows of the north or blackened in the torrid sun in the forests of Africa. When we had learned these lessons, the chastening rod was withheld, so readily, and God has brought us, by ways we knew not, and led the blind in paths they had not known to see the light of a glorious liberty. Let us use it like men, like Masons, to better ourselves and our race—embracing in our philanthropy men of every race and condition under God's blue canopy; succor the needy, help the distressed, counsel the erring, raise the fallen ; and may this glorious work know no race, color or previous condition, but go on until earth's millions shall stand in the presence of God, in their mind free, equal, and what they were originally made—MEN, in the image of the Maker, disenthralled, morally, physically and politically "

The Grand Chapter will not hereafter be responsible for money lost in the mail.

## CALIFORNIA.

The G. H. P. congratulates the Companions upon the prosperous condition of the Fraternity. On arriving at the age of manhood this Grand Chapter is found fully qualified to enter upon its proper work.

He recommends the appointment of District Lecturers.

And also says :—

"Many of the most intelligent and zealous companions of the jurisdiction —those who are accustomed to 'bear the heat and burden of the day' in the work of the Chapters—have arrived at the conclusion that great benefit would accrue from a change in the Constitution providing for the appointment by the Council or High Priest of the subordinate officers—the Royal Arch Captain, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, and Masters of the Vails. It is believed that in that manner those stations would be filled with reference to qualification, while now, it is claimed, they are too often filled by Companions whose only recommendation is that they are 'clever fellows,' and, who, after election, fail to perform their duties. I would recommend this matter to your consideration."

On this subject the Grand Chapter took action and now all the Subordinate officers both in Grand Chapter and Private Chapters are to be appointed by the Council.

It was decided not to appoint District Lecturers or Inspectors.

Five hundred dollars was voted by Grand Chapter, and one hundred and fifty dollars subscribed by the Members for the relief of the widow and children of Comp. John W. Harville, P. G. H. P.

Comp. Wiggin has an excellent report on correspondence in which Canada for 1874 receives full notice. We copy the following from his review of Massachusetts and are glad to give it our hearty endorsation :—

"At the evening session, a form of burial service was presented and adopted. The service is very beautiful and impressive, but not more so than that which has long been used by the Symbolic Lodges.

"We are opposed, on general principals, to any other Masonic funeral service than that used at the burial of a Master Mason. All others are innovations, which until within the last fifteen or twenty years were never heard of. All the old Masonic works, English and American, provide no place in a funeral procession for any but Master Masons ; while on occasions of festivity, such as laying of corner-stones, etc., all Masonic grades are assigned their respective positions.

"Death places all upon the same level ; he respects neither rank nor wealth ; high-sounding titles with him avail nothing ; he places the Sovereign Inspector General, the Knight Templar and the Royal Arch, side by side with the Master Mason, and together they mingle with their 'kindred dust.'

"If a brother is to be buried as a Knight Templar, or as a Royal Arch Mason, Master Masons would, of course, be debarred from participating, as such, in the funeral ceremony ; while if the funeral is conducted under the auspices of the Lodge, all grades may participate, for all are Master Masons.

"If we recollect rightly, the first attempt at innovation in this direction was made by the Grand Commandery of New York, who adopted a burial service to be used at the funeral of a Knight Templar, which was afterwards adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and its use enjoined upon the Commanderies when one of their members is to be buried *as a Knight Templar.*

"There may be a shadow of an excuse in this case, as Knights Templar are supposed to be Christians, and a brother might desire to have his remains receive Christian burial ; but even this might be, and often is, accomplished without the intervention of a separate Masonic ceremony, by uniting the services of the church with those of the Lodge, or by holding the church service first and the Masonic afterwards.

"We can see no possible excuse for a separate ceremony for the Royal Arch, except a morbid desire to exibit to the world our pretty scarlet clothes, and publish the fact that we are *Royal Arch* Masons."

## DELAWARE.

The past has been a year of great calm, the Chapters have not needed any attention from the G. H. P.

The work was exemplified by the G. H. P., Geo. W. Stone, who informed the Grand Chapter that it was substantially the work as used by a majority of the Grand Chapters in the United States.

The following resolution was then adopted :—

"That the work that has been exemplified here this evening and represented to be the New York work be adopted as the standard work of this Jurisdiction."

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At the semi-annual meeting, the Committee on last year's address say :—

"Upon the question of communications or correspondence between Grand Chapters of foreign jurisdictions and subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction, your committee fully agree with the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest that all communications from a foreign Grand Chapter to a suboridnate Chapter of this jurisdiction should come through this Grand Chapter. Your committee also agree that subordinate Chapters should never be permitted to appear in public (except on funeral occasions) as a Chapter, without the permission of this Grand Chapter."

And they recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter of this Jurisdiction shall appear in public for any purpose, (except on funeral occasions), without the consent of this Grand Chapter, or that of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest.

"*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter shall go into any Foreign Jurisdiction for the purpose of confering or exemplifying, nor shall it confer or exemplify, any of the Capitular degrees in any Foreign Jurisdiction without the expressed consent of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter proposed to be visited, having been first had and obtained."

At the annual meeting the committee to whom was referred at the last Annual Convocation the duty of ascertaining whether

Chapters were working in this jurisdiction under charters granted by the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England having failed to report, M. E. Comp. A. G. Mackey, as a member of the committee, stated that the whole matter was a myth ; that to his positive knowledge no Chapters existed in this jurisdiction deriving their authority from the Grand Bodies named, and asked that the committee be discharged.

M. E. Comp. N. D. Larner, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, corroborated the statement of M. E. Comp. Mackey, so far as the Grand Body he represented was concerned.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Comp. Joseph S. McCoy, has the following good remarks in his report :—

"It is a subject of solicitude that the Schools, at times barely attended, in the desire for private instruction, shall be commenced at the earliest practicable date, and attended regularly thereafter by at least the officers affected, to the end that the recently installed officers may be rendered proficient in their several new spheres of duty in the shortest possible time. It is obvious that where private instruction is given, such instruction seldom, if ever, exceeds (and in most cases is not desired) beyond the particular part connected with the office assigned, by election or appointment, to the companion desirous of it. This course, I hold to be an obstacle to the attainment of that general knowledge of the Ritual which is to be desired, and which, if pursued to any great extent, will not certainly tend to the best interests of the constituent Chapters.

Comp. Edwin B. MacGrotty has a first-class report on foreign correspondence in which we find a kindly notice of our proceedings for 1873.

## FLORIDA.

A revised Constitution was approved and ordered to be printed and laid over for a year for further consideration.

The demise is noticed of Comp. T. Preston Tatum, for several years Grand Treasurer.

The proceedings are brief and confined to local affairs.

## ILLINOIS.

The G. H. P. (Lounsbury) reports three decisions as under :—

"*First*—That a non-affiliated M. M., having received the degrees in a Chapter, is eligible to the office of H. P.

"*Second*—That a R. A. Mason, under sentence of suspension or expulsion in the Blue Lodge, having taken an appeal, remains suspended or expelled in the Chapter until action is had upon his appeal by the Grand Lodge, his status in Chapter being same as in Lodge.

"*Third*—That the Tyler of a Chapter has a right to vote."

The last decision he says is contrary to the opinions of some eminent Masons in that State, but if the Tyler is a subscribing member of the Chapter we can see no reason why he should be deprived of his franchise.

Comp. Lounsbury thinks that the legislation of Grand Chapter is done too hastily, and that the desire to expedite business is carried too far, as they have sometimes to reverse previous actions done without proper consideration. This is a common fault with Grand Bodies and we would do well to heed the warning.

The following was laid over :—

"*Resolved*—That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to have Article XI., Section 1, of the Constitution of the General grand Chapter of the United States so amended as to make all the officers of a Grand Chapter, and all Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters, permanent members of their State Grand Chapters."

Canada for 1873 is noticed.

## INDIANA.

The G. H. P. suggests the propriety of altering the name of their meetings from "communication" to "convocation," to be in uniformity with the other Grand Chapters and also as being more appropriate.

The Committee on jurisprudence presented a long report on the physical qualifications of candidates for the Royal Arch Degree. They conclude by recommending the following resolution which was adopted :—

"*Resolved*—That the loss of on arm or a foot renders an applicant disqualified to receive any of the degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

It was resolved that the word "convocation" should be used hereafter, both in Grand Chapters and the Subordinates.

Comp. Alex. Thomas notices Canada for 1873 in his report on correspondence. He again raises the old question of the titles of our officers and thinks we should change so as to be uniform with the Grand Chapters of the United States. We have fully discussed this question in former reports and are glad to find that Comp. Thomas does not say that they are *right* in the titles they use, but simply asks us to change because one can change more easily than so many. We would be glad to have uniformity, but we cannot consent to participate in the perpetuation of a *wrong* and we stand by the ancient customs.

Comp. Thomas wants to know what is "Scribe E." Our two Scribes play an important part in our ritual. They represent "Ezra" and "Nehemiah," the "selectors and expounders of the Sacred Law, and attendants on the august Sanhedrim."

## IOWA.

The G. H. P. says that the names of all Companions present at meetings of Chapters should be recorded, and not the names of the officers only. Also, that stringent action should be taken to enforce the rule requiring all Mark Masters to choose their mark within three months.

On this latter subject the following was adopted :—

"*And be it further Resolved*, That hereafter no candidate shall be exalted to the august and sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, until he has selected and recorded his mark in the Book of Marks of the Chapter."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

It was found necessary to restrain the super-abundant eloquence of Comps. Guilbert and Parvin, so the following resolution after a hard fight was finally passed :—

"*Resolved*, That no Companion be allowed to speak to exceed five minutes on any one question, and no Companion shall speak twice on the same question, except by permission of the Grand Chapter."

The Committee on jurisprudence say :—

"To the question, 'Is it necessary for a Companion to sign the By-Laws of the Chapter to become a member of the Chapter,' we answer, 'No.'

"We think the requirement to sign the By-Laws simply directory. We think a legitimate child is actually a son of his mother, and a member of the family, without his name being written in the bible, though the law may require it to be written there."

It was also resolved :—

"That the resolution, adopted at the last Grand Convocation, requiring the High Priests of every Subordinate Chapter to keep the chartar of his Chapter in his house, be and is hereby rescinded."

## KANSAS.

From the address of the G. H. P., Price, we learn that—

"The history of this Grand Chapter, from its organization in 1866, shows a rapid and healthful growth. Within less than nine years we have increased from three to twenty-five Chartered Chapters, with an aggregate membership of over one thousand."

He rightly decides that—

"When a Companion, in good standing, applies to his Chapter for a demit, it is the duty of the Chapter to grant the demit, without requiring the Companion to give his reasons therefor."

We also quote the following :—

"On August 18, 1874, Companion Thomas B. Harris died in Hamilton, Canada, aged fifty-five years. At the time of his death he was Grand Secretary of the several Masonic Grand Bodies of the Dominion of Canada, and was also the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. He was buried with full Masonic honors by the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction, ten Lodges from Hamilton and Toronto, and a large number of Grand and Past Grand Officers, and Representatives from the United States, being in attendance. 'The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever held in that city, and the obsequies at the church and grave were solemn and impressive.'"

The most important business transacted of general interest is found in the passage of these two resolutions :—

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall exalt any candidate to the degree of Royal Arch

Mason until he shall have selected his Mark, and caused the same to be properly recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks."

"*Resolved*, That the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter, over and above an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of the current year, be invested at once in United States bonds, such investment to be made under the direction of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, and that they report their action at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

Grand Secretary Carr gives a good report on correspondence. He reviews our proceedings for 1873 and notices our Visitors of that year in this wise :—

"Before commencing the regular business of the Chapter, a number of Companions from Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, D. C., presented themselves for admission. They were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, 'and received with the usual honors;' and in addition to this, R.·. E.·. Companion E. J. Mason, D. S. Jones and J. S. McCoy were honored with seats on the dais; still they were not happy, nor could they be until they were granted permission and had sung an Ode prepared for the occasion. It was a beautiful production of nine stanzas, full of beautiful thought, to the tune of 'God Save the Queen.' We have only room for the sixth stanza. We publish this because if anything of the kind is going on Mrs. Grant should know it :—

'When mutterings rose of war,
A gentler conqueror
Suppress'd the cry!
IMMORTAL COVENANT!
VICTORIA AND GRANT!
Their praise all tongues shall chant,
No more to die!'"

He copies that portion of the address of Grand Z. Harman on the recognition of the Higher Masonic Grades, and wants to know as he did two years ago, "Is it a joke? Why not include Sons of Malta, Good Templars, &c." Comp. Carr has apparently overlooked one part of the proceedings. Our Grand Chapter by the adoption of the report of the Executive Committee on the address of Comp. Harman, declared that it was "not advisable to extend recognition to any other orders than those at present recognized by this Grand Chapter."

## KENTUCKY.

The G. H. P., David P. Robb, has had frequent applications for dispensations to confer the degrees out of time, but he refused all, as the constitution gives him no power to grant such requests.

He strongly recommends the Widows' and Orphans' Home, which has now 150 inmates from all parts of the State, and when completed will accomodate 600. He suggests that the present investments held by the Grand Chapter be subscribed to the endowment of the Home.

Grand Chapter resolved that—

"The Grand Treasurer be, and is hereby directed, to transfer to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, the three Frankfort city bonds, of one thousand dollars each, and the eighty shares of stock, in the Deposit Bank of Frankfort, now owned by this Grand Chapter."

Also—

"That there is no law to prevent a Companion who is clear of the *books* of his Chapter, and who is in good standing, from demiting, unless he is an officer of such Chapter."

## LOUISIANA.

The decisions of Comp. Hornor, G. H. P., are carefully considered and worthy of attention. We copy two of the most important:

"Is it the *duty* of the High Priest, at the opening of the Chapter, to read the selection of Scripture from II. Thessalonians, which is prescribed by the Monitor?

"I have been unable, after strict search, to find that this Grand Chapter ever adopted or prescribed any particular monitor, chart, or similar work; but at the Grand Convocation of 1859, (p. 53) the Grand Secretary was ordered to procure copies of Mackey's 'Book of the Chapter,' and to send one to each subordinate Chapter, which action certainly amounts to an approval of that work; it contains the selection of scripture alluded to, and I believe the same is contained in all the monitors. I therefore held, that the reading of the passage in question is recommended by the Grand Chapter, but not made sacramental; that it is to be treated as are the opening prayers laid down in the Manuals of the Lodge, that is, as something very proper and appropriate in its allotted place, but which may be

set aside for an equally appropriate substitute, at the will and pleasure of the presiding officer, but that some formula should be used before setting the Chapter formally to work."

"All references in the laws or constitution of the Grand Chapter, to the laws or regulations of the Grand Lodge, allude to such latter laws and regulations as were in existence at the time of the adoption of the constitution of the Grand Chapter; and this Grand Chapter and its members as Royal Arch Masons, cannot be bound by edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, made subsequent to the adoption of our constitution, unless the same be regularly adopted by the Grand Chapter."

He has been unable to prepare his usual report on correspondence and wishes to retire from that position. This we regret as Comp. Hornor is one of the best reporters we have.

The last decision above quoted was overruled by Grand Chapter as being contraay to the ruling of Grand Chapter in 1874.

Other proceedings local.

## MARYLAND.

The G. H. P. reports that no contention has arisen among the subordinate Chapters during the year, and that he has had no occasion for discipline. He visited each of the thirteen Chapters in the jurisdiction.

The following new section was added to the Constitution. It has our approval :—

"No Chapter shall elect for its High Priest, any other than a King, Past King, Scribe, Past Scribe, or Past High Priest, unless the Chapter by death, removal or other cause, shall have no member so qualified.

It was also resolved—

"That no High Priest elect shall be installed unless he is competent to confer the traditional work of all the degrees conferred in a Chapter of R. A. Masons."

Comp. Emmons has a good notice of Canada for 1873 in his report on correspondence.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

At the quarterly meeting on June 9th, 1874, G. H. P. Chapman recommends the printing of the earlier proceedings which are not now in print. He also gives an interesting sketch of the life of the lamented Charles W. Moore, P. G. H. P.

The first and only existing Past G. H. P. Jewel in this Commonwealth was presented to Comp. Chapman. It is thus described:—

"The pin is formed of three triangles, the upper part consisting of the lower corner of one, touching the two inner corners of the other two, which are on a horizontal line with each other, the point of contact being strengthened as well as ornamented by gold rays diverging in each space between; across the face, but principally resting on the upper part, is an arabesque gold scroll, with black enamelled lines, and letters, forming the word 'Massachusetts;' and around the triangles are set forty-eight rubies, while the centre of each is of white enamel, on two of which are the letters, in gold, P. G. H. P.

"Pendant from the pin by two golden links is the jewel proper, a gold circle, one inch and three-fourths in diameter, upon which are set in clamps thirty-seven pure white diamonds; within the circle is a solid gold triangle, and upon it a miniature breastplate, bearing the twelve stones spoken of in the Old Testament, as representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Surmounting the breastplate is a seven pointed star, in allusion to the grade; in this is another white diamond, which with the one in the breastplate makes thirty-nine in all.

"On each of the three sides of the triangle is a golden cherub's head with wings, and rays or flame of gold springing from each.

"The whole jewel is three inches and one-fourth in length. It was designed by and manufactured to the order of Companion Seranus Bowen, and is finished in a manner that is a credit to the taste and skill of designer and maker.

"On the back of the jewel is the inscription, Presented to Alfred F. Chapman, Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter, 1872, 1873, 1874."

In his annual address we find the following decision by Comp. Chapman:—

"That any candidate who receives the Chapter Degrees in another State or Territory without permission of this Grand Chapter, or the Grand High

Priest for the time being, in addition to the constitutional order, is, so far as our rights are concerned, a clandestine Royal Arch Mason."

The following was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand R A. Chapter of Massachusetts does hereby recognize the system of Representation, as contemplated in the Annual Address, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest is hereby authorized to appoint Representatives near other Grand Chapters, and to receive such appointments near this."

We heartily congratulate Comp· John W. Dadmun on his elevation to the chair of G. H. P. He received 82 votes out of 84. We are sorry, however, to lose him from the ranks of the Reporters, as he is one of the very best. He thinks it would be highly improper to fill both positions at the same time.

We are glad to notice the following from his review of New York :—

"In this jurisdiction, when the ballot is taken, it is for *all* the degrees, so that if the ballot is clear, the candidate is entitled to all. Now we will suppose, after a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees, a Companion objects to his advancement. Can he claim a new ballot? Not by any law in Masonry, *unless* the objection is well founded. Can he claim that his objection is a negative ballot? Certainly not, because the ballot has been taken as the law directs, and it was unanimously favorable. In what light then must we view it? We answer simply as an objection. Have I not a right then as a R. A. M. to ask my objecting Companion why he brings this objection at this late stage of proceedings? When the candidate applied for the degrees, due notice was sent to all the members; the constitutional time elapsed before the ballot was taken; and it may be that the candidate has been received and acknowledged a M. E. M. We repeat, have we not a right to ask why he objects? We think we have.

"How then shall we treat the objection? Suspend the work and investigate the matter by a judicious committee; and if the committee say, 'new light has appeared and the objections are well founded,' then order a new ballot, or, if the candidate has received any of the degrees, let him be tried. We claim this to be good common sense, and good Masonic law. Aye, more than this, it is the only way to respect the rights of an elected M. M., and the rights of his brothers who are members of the Chapter.

"What will Comp. Ogden say to this? A brother objected to the advancement of a candidate, and, on investigation, it was found that the objection was based upon mere rumor, and the rumor vanished into 'thin

air.' How could these facts have been ascertained if no one had a right to question the objector?

"Lest some of our Companions may think we are pursuing a bubble in the air, we will quote from the digest of Charles W. Moore, page 61:—

"'It is competent for a member to object to the initiation of a candidate after his admission, and ask to have his objections considered by the Lodge or a committee. If the objections cannot be removed, the fact should be entered upon the record, and a new ballot ordered.'

"'If objection be raised against the *advancement* of a candidate on account of his moral character, the objection should be referred to a committee; and if, in their opinion, it be *prima facie* such as should deprive him of the privilege of advancement, they should prefer charges against him, and thus afford him an opportunity to clear himself, or the Lodge an opportunity to remove him from Masonry.

"'This on the ground that he is, as a Mason, entitled to trial by his Brethren before conviction.'

"We have devoted considerable space to this question because we wish to be distinctly understood. The authority we have just quoted is as good as any, if not the best, that can be cited."

We will wait with some anxiety to see what answer Comp. Ogden or any of the other "objectors" will make to the above. We think Comp. Dadmun has completely established his position and thoroughly scattered the sophistry which would allow a simple objection to stay the advancement of a candidate without good cause being shown.

## MICHIGAN.

From Michigan we have a circular stating that the Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 19th, 1875, and the following officers elected, viz.:—

M. E. Comp. John L. Mitchell, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William P. Innes (of Grand Rapids), Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA.

The Committee on the address of the G. H. P., as to visitation of subordinate Chapters, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest shall, as soon as practicable after each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, divide the

State into four districts for the purposes of visitation, and shall thereupon assign to each of said districts one of the four principal officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duties shall be, under such rules and regulations as the M. E. Grand High Priest shall from time to time make and ordain, to visit the several Chapters within their several districts, and to report to the M. E. Grand High Priest particularly as to the condition of such Chapters, the manner of their working, the keeping of their records, and as to any and all other subjects, when required by the M.E. Grand High Priest."

We also copy the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the first clause of which was adopted, the second was not :—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would report that they have considered so much of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to Masonic usage, and judge that his decision, 'that a Companion may belong to a regular or chartered Chapter and to a Chapter U. D.,' is correct. We believe that a Companion can at one time belong to all Chapters to whose membership he has been formerly regularly elected.

"We also agree with the M. E. Grand High Priest that it is necessary to prefer charges regularly against delinquents for non-payment of dues before they can be stricken from the rolls or suspended. The whole matter of dues in Masonry is a modern innovation. The old rule was, 'Once a Mason always a Mason,' and we are of the opinion that the utmost care and discretion should be exercised by Chapters ere they deprive Companions of the privileges of the order for an infringement of their By-Laws requiring annual dues. We are also of the opinion that it is best to leave the matter of the time which shall elapse before a petition for the degrees can for a second time be presented to a Chapter to the Chapter receiving the petition, and would not advise the adoption of any rule by this Grand Body regulating this matter."

The time of meeting was changed to the second Tuesday in October.

The following protest appears in the minutes. Comp. Combs is Past Grand Secretary :—

"The undersigned, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, believing that it is a well established law of Masonry that an elective officer must be a member of the body in which he is elected to office, respectfully presents to this body his objection to the installation of Comp. W. S. Combs as Deputy Grand High Priest, for the reasons—

"1st. He has never been constitutionally a member of this body ; and

"2nd. He has never been either High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

"The undersigned disclaims all personal feeling in the matter, but puts his objection solely upon what he believes to be the establishing of a precedent fraught with danger to Royal Arch Masonry; and, further, gives notice that the subject matter shall be presented to the General Grand Chapter of the Umited States of America.

Fraternally,

A. T. C. PIERSON, P. G. H. P.

Canada for 1873 receives a good notice by Comp. Pierson in his Report F. C.

## MISSOURI.

G. H. P. Ryland decided that a H P. need not have served as either K. or S. Also, that an objection to advancement must be made in open Chapter and recorded in the minutes with the name of the objector. His remarks on funeral expenses are sound :—

"There is no such thing as Chapter burial. As a non-affiliated Mason, Companion Crawford had forfeited all claims upon our Order for its benefits. Having renounced and denounced Masonry, he had no claims to Masonic charity. Destitute and in want, it was noble in the members of Tyrian Chapter to befriend him. I am opposed to the principle which will permit one Masonic Body to constitute itself the financial agent of another without any authority or consent, especially when such authority may be obtained in a very short time if circumstances warrant it. If it becomes a settled principle that no Chapter ought to exercise its charity without the right to demand remuneration therefor, Masonic charity will be as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Under the circumstances surrounding this case, I decided that Tyrian Chapter had no legal demand against Springfield Chapter for the expenses incurred by it in behalf of Companion Crawford."

The proceedings are only of local interest, and call for no special notice.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Gouley and notices Canada for 1873. We cannot understand, however, how he and some others make out that Comp. Seymour wrote *our* report of that year.

## NEBRASKA.

The volume before us contains the procedings at the 7th annual Convocation on Nov. 11th, 1873, and the 8th annual Convocation on January 5th, 1875.

G. H. P. Livingston refused all applications for dispensations to confer the degrees out of time.

The G. M. of the 3rd Veil having been expelled by his Lodge, the G. H. P. declared the office vacant and appointed another Companion thereto.

He reports that uniformity in work is an accomplished fact in that jurisdiction.

The Finance Committee found the printing bill rather expensive, and recommend that the printing of the reviews be dispensed with in the future, which recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter, but afterwards reconsidered and not adopted.

It was—

"*Resolved*, That no one shall be elected M. E. High Priest of any subordinate Chapter who has not served one term as either E. King or E. Scribe."

Also—

"*Resolved*, That no applicant for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry shall be eligible who is not a member in good standing of some lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

### 1875.

The G. H. P. (Furnas) was prevented by other official duties from attending Grand Chapter. He is Governor of the State.

The proceedings are now electrotyped.

Other matters local.

## NEW JERSEY.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed we notice Comp. Daniel Spry near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the G. H. P.

Comp. W. H. McIlhanney, as our Representative near New Jersey.

He reports three decisions :—

"1. Withdrawal from membership in a Lodge, and remaining as a dimitted Mason, does not affect membership in a Chapter.

"2. The issue of certificates of membership should be the action of the Chapter, not of any officer.

"3. When a Companion is suspended or expelled from his Lodge, the Chapter cannot demand an official notice of the same ; action must be taken upon other reliable information."

The Chairman of the Committee on History, Companion T. J Corson, made a verbal report that considerable progress had been made, and that in all probability the History would be ready for publication by next year. On motion of Companion George B. Edwards, the committee was continued, and also authorized to incur all necessary expenses in prosecuting the work.

A new Constitution was adopted.

Also the following resolution :—

*Resolevd*, "That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter be instructed to offer an amendment to the General Grand regulation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at their next Convocation, allowing Past High Priests permanent membership of State Grand Chapters."

We copy the concluding part of the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances :—

"Wilson Chapter has twice committed the offence of invading the territory of our sister jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the admonishment from our Grand High Priest in the first case. Your committee would therefore recommend that Wilson Chapter, No. 13, be directed to forward to the Chapter nearest the town of New Hope, in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, the amount of fees received by them in the case under consideration, and that they make suitable apology to said Chapter for such invasion of their territory ; and further, that Wilson Chapter, No. 13, be admonished that a repetition of the offence will be sufficient cause in the judgment of this Grand Body to arrest their warrant.

"Your committee deeply régret the necessity that compels them to make this recommendation, but justice to our sister jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and as a principle which we feel that our Grand Chapter should unhesitatingly assert, we will not tolerate invasion of our jurisdiction, nor will it allow our own subordinates to be guilty of the offence."

Canada for 1873 receives a full notice from Comp. Corson. He thus opens :—

"From our neighbors 'over the border' come glad tidings of happiness and prosperity. Their temples are crowded with earnest worshipers ; and now, since the late difficulties in Symbolic Masonry, which for a time threatened to ramify to the other branches of Freemasonry with disastrous consequences, have been amicably adjusted, white-winged Peace has settled upon their altars, on which the sacred fire now burns brightly. Thus may it be forevermore, and may the remembrance of the sorrows of the past serve to unite our Brethren and Companions of Canada in bonds of fraternal love, which shall never again be broken."

On the right of objection he has the following comments on our remarks :—

"A most thorough and complete Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, was presented by Companion Henry Robertson.

"He manfully battles for the right in the matter of simple objection having power to stay the progress of the candidate. He still agrees with us that it is not just to afflx the stigma of crime upon any man until he shall have been proved a criminal. He still dares to maintain the doctrine which we hold, and which has been so loudly ridiculed, that the promise of a Masonic body should be held sacred, even when made to a profane. In fact he is so far at variance with common sense as to stand side by side with us in the belief that elected candidates have rights which a Lodge or Chapter ought to respect, and which the Masonic Body has no right to disregard.

"Thank God ! the Grand Chapter of our little State allows no such injustice to be practiced upon elected candidates as they have to suffer in some other jurisdictions. Here, at least, we hold a Masonic promise to be sacred and inviolable, be it made to whom it may. And if any tender-footed Brother or Companion desires to prevent the progress of

a candidate who has been duly elected, he must state and PROVE that there is good and sufficient cause why he should be stayed, otherwise the candidate will be advanced to full membership ; and if the sensitive soul of the objector is shocked by the presence of the new comer he can either sit in the corner and suck his thumb until 'purity gets off of his back,' or else he can 'get up and get.' Strict justice to all is the rule which governs us, and we have found it to work well."

And on the same subject the following is from his review of Connecticut :—

"And yet this man, who can write such solid, substantial common sense arguments as we have quoted above, is actually a believer in, and advocate of, the wretched heresy that elected candidates have no rights which Masons are bound to respect. And see where his belief has landed him. He says :—

'And far better were a dozen good men and Masons kept back UNJUSTLY, than the peace and harmony of a single Chapter destroyed.'

We give Companion Lewis credit for his bravery, for it requires a brave man to declare that it is right for a Masonic body to inflict injustice upon any one. Freemasons (in name) may act 'unjustly,' but Freemasonry never justifies it. My Masonry teaches me that in no contingency shall I wrong a brother in the slightest degree. No, sir, it is NOT 'far better' that any man should be treated 'unjustly' than that the 'peace and harmony of a single Chapter be destroyed.' That Chapter which can retain its 'peace and harmony' only by inflicting injustice upon any man, be he member, candidate, or profane—that Chapter which would be willing to act 'unjustly' to any man for any cause—such a Chapter is a disgrace to the Body Politic of Freemasonry, and deserves not only to have its 'peace and harmony' destroyed, but it deserves to have itself destroyed, and to be kicked so far over among the rubbish that it may never be resuscitated to disgrace the fair fame of Freemssonry, which never teaches or tolerates injustice in any form."

## NEW YORK.

In response to a question on the subject the G. H. P. (Cassidy) decided—

"That the employment of Mnemonics, cyphers, or any other than the method recognized among Masons as legitimate, for the purpose of teaching the work and lectures, was prohibited ; and that any com-

panion using or having them in his possession, was liable to charges and punishment.

"Comp. Austin offered the following, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence :—

"*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand High Priest relative to the use of Mnemonics, etc., be approved, and be entered on the records of the Grand Chapter.

"On motion of Comp. Clinton F. Paige,—

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be empowered to inquire as to the use or possession of improper publications by any Grand Officer, purporting to teach the ritual of Capitular Masonry."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted say :—

CYPHERS, KEYS AND MNEMONICS.

"1. That the decision of the Grand High Priest, condemning the use of cyphers, keys and mnemonics, or other written or printed aids to memory, has our undivided approbation.

THE RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF A CHAPTER.

"2. That no member of a Chapter who is in good standing can be prevented from attending its Convocations on the objection of another member, unless for some overt act committed in the presence of the body, for which the High Priest may deem it proper to exclude him temporarily. The rights of all members are parallel, and no one can be deprived of them without trial, except in the case above mentioned.

NINE COMPANIONS MUST BE PRESENT.

"3. That nine Royal Arch Masons are required to open a Chapter, and consequently nine must continue to be present in order legally to transact business. But it is not necessary that the nine should all be members of the Chapter in session. Its delinquent members having no right to find fault with the business transacted during their absence.

RECOGNITION OF WEST VIRGINIA AND NOVA SCOTIA.

"4. We cordially recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapters of West Virginia and Nova Scotia, and that representatives be exchanged with them.

MAIMED OR DISABLED CANDIDATES.

"The Committee further report on the following question: 'Has a Master Mason who has regularly received the symbolic degrees, and afterwards become disabled or maimed, a right to receive the capitular degrees?' that it is impossible to give a definite answer to so broad a question. They can only say, in general terms, that the rule touching physical qualifications must be construed in the interest of the Craft, and not for the convenience of candidates. Hence, the same disabilities that would hinder initiation prevail in the Chapter."

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Comp. Robeno, G. H. P., was not called upon during the year for any decisions. The Chapters are generally in a prosperous state.

We are glad to copy the following from a letter of Comp. W. J. Hughan, of England, whose energy and industry in investigating ancient Masonry, are giving him a world-wide fame.

"The progress of Royal Arch Masonry in England throughout this year (now so shortly to fade away) has been continuous, but not demonstrative. The resignation of the Marquess of Ripon, K. G., as First Grand Principal has resulted in H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, K. G., being the Grand Z. (by virtue of being the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and a Royal Arch Mason). The SECOND and THIRD Grand Principals are the same as last year, viz., the Earl of Carnarvon, H., and Lord De Tabley, J. The Grand Scribe, E. (or Grand Secretary with you), is still our able and energetic Companion, John Hervey, who is also Grand Secretary, and long may he continue so.

"The question as to the recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge of England is still a debated question, but we feel quite certain that as long as the 'Articles of Union of 1813' are respected, the Degree, and, consequently, the Mark Grand Lodge, cannot be recognized by the Craft Grand Lodge. These 'articles' will be found in our 'Masonic Memorials,' just published, a copy of which we have sent to our dear friend and Most Excellent Companion Meyer for presentation to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The 'Ancient and Accepted Rite,' and others of the 'Hautes Grades,' are in the same position, and as these all recognize the Mark Grand Lodge, we fail to see what more is wanted masonically from this country.

"In our new work will also be found a reprint of Dr. Dassiguy's 'Enquiry' of 1744, which contains the first typographical reference to Royal Arch Masonary known, and which is printed from one copy believed to be unique. The date is of importance, as it abundantly confirms the fact that the degree was worked prior to 1744, and was conferred upon PAST MASTERS.

My attention of late has been especially directed to our legends, and in the "Freemason" (England) for November 21st, 1874, I have given two remarkable quotations from works or manuscripts which prove that one of our Royal Arch legends was known in the fourteenth century (for it was then that Calistus Nicephorus flourished, who mentions the legend), and it is also to be found in print in the seventeenth century. Doubtless, Companion McCalla will publish my communication in his valuable "Keystone," as the matter is worthy of consideration, and as our researches are not yet ended, it is likely to be one of a series."

Comp. Wm. J. Kelly has one of the best reports on correspondence. In his introduction he says :—

"And we would take this method of notifying your successor that we are not in the field for honors. We deprecate also the changing of reporters ; we think the proper way is to select some Companion with the ability necessary to prepare the reports, the time to spare to devote to it, and the disposition to feel honored by the privilege, and then hold on to him, hoping that he won't resign and may never die. Get such a man, and we should be envied indeed."

Canada for 1873 receives full notice. On one part of the address of Comp. Harman he says :—

"Wherein he speaks of T. Douglas Harington as 330, and Arthur Fletcher as 320—to be &c., we do not understand him. We are willing to concede our ignorance as Royal Arch Masons in this quarter of the world to those hieroglyphics, if they are part of the work in your Grand Chapters we should like to be posted that we may help enlighten others ; if they are not, they have no business in that address, and we are sorry to see them or any other matter not understood by the great body of those to whom these proceedings are read and for whom they are prepared."

And on the recognition of other grades he says :—

"We were always under the impression that it were best to keep our recognition to bodies working the same degrees as ourselves, and think so

still. We believe it best to have R. A. M. unadulterated with anything above (so called) itself."

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Proceedings for 1872, 1873 and 1874, come to us in one volume, which is graced with an excellent steel engraved portrait of M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, P. G. H. P.

In 1872, the Committee on work and ritual present an elaborate report, giving a history of their work and a comparison with that of other jurisdictions.

Comp. Doyle in his annual address thus refers to their relations with the General Grand Chapter :—

"In September last I was present at the opening session, and a part of the subsequent deliberations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which met at Baltimore. The General Grand High Priest did me the honor to name me as a member of the Committee to whom was referred his address ; but as I could not consistently serve thereon I declined to accept the appointment. At other sessions of that body I noticed that on a call of their subordinates the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was not included, showing conclusively that, although they assume to be the "original" General Grand Chapter of which Rhode Island was a member, they do not, in fact, consider us as such at the present time.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will undoubtedly place before you a report on the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, when you will be able to judge whether any necessity exists, more than heretofore, for placing our Grand Chapter on the list of their subordinates.

"I certainly saw no reason to change the opinion I have so long held in reference to this organization, which, while it calls together the distinguished Masons of the country for social intercourse, and, so far, promotes harmony and good fellowship among the Masons of different sections of the Union, is not of any practical utility as a governing body, and if any good is accomplished from its meetings, equally as good results will be attained from the Convocation of the various Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the several Grand Bodies of the United States.

"I therefore cannot recommend any change of policy on our part, in reference to the General Grand Chapter."

In 1873 the Committee on work again report. On the degree of Past Master they say :—

"We find no cause to change our opinion expressed in the report of last year, that the Past Masters' Degree should be set free from the trivial and absurd practices which have sometimes attended the conferring of this Degree. Preserving the lesson and Masonic information of the Degree it should be simplified in its working so as to comport with the proper character and dignity of the Masonic institution. Taking this view, and under the instructions of the Grand Chapter, your Committee have prepared a brief Manuel for the work in this Degree which is submitted herewith."

In 1874 their report is very interesting and very good, and we copy it entire :—

"The Committee on Work and Ritual, continued from the last Annual Convocation, were directed to report specially on the following subjects : 1. The true omnifice word in connection with the proper inscription to be placed on the S. A. 2. The Past Masters' Degree.

"A great deal has been written and said latterly in regard to the 'tetra grammaton' which has been held by some to be the equivalent of the three explanatory words, * * *, * * *, and * * *, as these appear in the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree. These words, in the characters of the key, have been placed upon the S. A. in Providence Chapter, and the same practice has prevailed in other Chapters in this jurisdiction. Your Committee believe both the assumption and the practice which has followed it to be wrong. The true word is that given in Exodus, 6 : 2, 3—"And God spake unto Moses and said unto him, I am the Lord ; and I appeared unto Abraham, and unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them." This Scripture makes a clear declaration of the term which we accept as the true omnifice word. And this is the 'tetragrammaton,' the four lettered name expressed in Hebrew נתדת, but the true pronunciation of which is lost. As Mackey well observes, it is the finding of this four lettered name which is the chief object of the Mason's search, and without which all Speculative Masonary is but a childish delusion. This true word—the great and sacred name—ought by no means to be confounded with the explanatory words of the Ritual. These words * * *, * * *, * * *, are

traditional, and need not be disturbed in the Ritual, but they are not the words which should be represented on the S. A.—they should not be designated as the tetragrammaton, or as the equivalent of the great and sacred name of Deity.

"Your Committee recommend that the true word, in the four lettered Hebrew form be placed upon the S. A. ; also in the characters of the key representing the English rendering of the same.

"2. In the matter of the Degree of Past Master, the Committee can but emphasize what they have said in a former report touching the need of more orderly proceedings than those which too frequently attend the conferring of this Degree. In no part of Masonic work or instruction—at no step of its advancement—should there be such lack of order and decorum, as will tend to lower the proper character and dignity of the Masonic institution. Everything should be done with decent behavior and orderley courtesy. When the candidate has been placed in the oriental chair let the rest of the proceedings be as brief as possible, and always under the direction of the Master, who shall remain by the side of the candidate to advise and prompt him as may be necessary. The Committee recommend the simplifying and abbreviating of the Degree,—not to part with anything essential to its instruc ions,—but only to set it free from practises trivial and whimsical, which have grown up about it, and which not infrequently degenerate into manifestations absurd and annoying.

"Nor can your Committee forbear a closing word regarding some practises in the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, where a like check is called for, and the same amendment is needed. The prayers and rough hustlings of a candidate, closely alternating, are not calculated to produce a very favorable impression, nor can it be easily seen in what way such practises tend to the better comprehension of the purport and importance of this sublime Degree. Your Committee respectfully urge an improvement in the direction to which they have alluded."

There is a brief sketch of the life of the celebrated Thomas Smith Webb, and also a portrait. He was born in Boston in 1771, and died in Cleveland in 1819. He was a printer by trade, and afterwards a manufacturer at Providence. He was twice elected Grand Master in Rhode Island, and was their G. H. P. for twelve years.

"He was a wonderful man ; educated and accomplished, yet from

his boyhood always hard at work; a mechanic; a man of imposing presence and the utmost dignity, yet a universal favorite. Successful in business, he acquired a competence, yet he must have devoted an almost incredible amount of time to Masonic work. He was methodical—his writings and memoranda denote that. Masonry and music were his recreation no doubt, as we know that in music as well as in Masonry he was a great enthusiast.

"He was a man, take him for all in all.
"We ne'er shall look upon his like again."

"The steel plate from which the portrait accompanying this sketch was printed, is the property of St. John's Commandery, and has been kindly loaned by that body in order that the features of him who was once a right royal leader, and whose spirit is to this day felt in our Order, may be preserved in its history.

"It is a faithful copy of the original portrait of Webb, painted from life, in 1805, which now hangs on the walls of Mason's Hall in Providence."

Grand Secretary Burnham has an excellent report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1873 are kindly noticed.

## TENNESSEE.

The G. H. P., Joseph M. Anderson, reports:—

"The past year has been a hard one in all the land. The money panic, the drouth and the general destruction of, and stagnation in business matters, have forced need, gloom and suffering throughout the country and it is fitting that Brothers of 'the Mystic Tie' should engage actively in the grand mission and work of love, in ministering with the afflicted, relieving the distressed, and making glad the hearts of those bowed down in grief,"

He has a long paragraph on the necessity for a revision of Masonic Chronology, which, we must confess, we do not understand. *Our* Masonic Chronology is all right, and if theirs is not consistent it should of course be revised, but the address does not state wherein the deficiency lies.

An edict was adopted:—

"That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, the highest Officer present shall preside, unless through courtesy or for other reasons he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

"If none of the Officers be present the oldest Past High Priest present shall take the East, and if no Past High Priest be present, then the members according to seniority, shall fill the same, and shall have all the rights of a regularly installed High Priest to fill vacancies."

The following resolutions were passed :—

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter be instructed, for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, to memorialize the General Grand Chapter of the United States to cause such action to be taken as may be necessary to make Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters members of the Grand Chapters of their respective jurisdictions, so long as they may continue members of some Subordinate Chapter therein.

"*Resolved*, That Article III. of the By-laws of this Grand Chapter be so changed as to read, That no Grand Chapter shall be opened or holden unless there be present, either in person or by proxy, one or more officers from at least ten of the Subordinate Chapters, instead of three, as the law now stands."

"On motion of Companion E. Edmundson, it was determined as the sense of this Grand Chapter, that when a Royal Arch Mason is expelled, or indefinitely suspended by a Subordinate Lodge, and afterward restored by that Lodge, he is thereby restored to membership in the Chapter to which he formerly belonged."

## VERMONT.

We have the proceedings of 1873 and 1874.

In 1873 the following action was taken on reprinting :—

"*Whereas*, The early transactions of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, including a period from 1804 to 1830, are now entirely out of print, and

"*Whereas*, Masonic history of great value is included in these years—therefore

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that these transactions should be reprinted ; and

"*Whereas*, Companion E. E. Greenleaf has with great care compiled the record of these transactions, therefore

"*Resolved*, That Companion Greenleaf be granted by this Grand Chapter the right to publish at his own expense, such number of copies of these transactions as he shall deem best, the copyright to be vested in him, *provided*, he furnish to this Grand Chapter 250 copies of said transactions, free of expense to the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of exchange."

Canada for 1872 appears in the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In 1874 the proceedings were very brief and contain no matter of general interest.

Comp. J. M. Poland has a good Report on Correspondence, noticing ours of 1873.

## VIRGINIA.

The G. H. P. recommends the appointment of District Deputy Grand Lecturers. The diversity of work among the Subordinate Chapters has caused considerable inconvenience.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council appoint a committee of five Royal Arch Masons to act in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer in districting the State, for the purpose of appointing a Deputy Grand Lecturer for each district ; and when so districted, that then the Grand Council be authorized to appoint a Deputy Grand Lecturer for each district, and that the necessary expenses of the Deputy Grand Lecturer in visiting a Subordinate Chapter shall be paid by such Chapter, and also such additional remuneration as may be agreed upon by the Deputy Grand Lecturer and the Chapter visited.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter recommend the enterprise for the establishment of a Home for the widows and orphans of deceased Masons within this Grand Jurisdiction to the favorable consideration of all Royal Arch Masons within the same."

Comp. Isaacs has the following sensible remarks in his notice of Florida :—

"The committee, however, clinch the nail and the Grand Chapter declares :—

"' Whenever a Master Mason who is also a member of some Royal Arch Chapter, shall become non-affiliated, and willfully remain so for a period of more than one year, he shall be considered suspended from his Chapter, until he shall have become affiliated with some particular lodge '

"With deference we think the Grand Chapter in error. Our organization is a voluntary one. No one should be *forced* to retain membership in either of the Orders, but like all other voluntary organizations, founded upon the immutable principals of truth and justice, he should be entitled to his own election, whether one, or all or none should claim him. All

well-informed Masons know the penalties of non-affiliation, and are presumed to be capable of judging and acting for themselves."

## WISCONSIN.

The G. H. P. was asked for a dispensation to install as H. P. a Companion who had never served as King or Scribe. The Grand Chapter being positive in its prohibition the dispensation was refused, and a new election ordered to be had.

He decided that the loss of an eye was no bar to the reception of the Capitular degrees, as it does not prevent a full compliance with all the requirements of Masonry.

From his remarks on work and lectures we extract the following paragraphs. They are well worth attentive perusal, and contain advice on several points which is needed in many places :—

"There seems to be a necessity for the Grand Chapter to make some better provision for communicating the work adopted in this jurisdiction.

"So long as the Grand Chapter paid the expenses and per diem of the Grand Lecturer, his services were in constant demand during the winter months.

"Since the adoption of the resolution requiring subordinates receiving service to pay the bills, as provided in Sec. 4 of Art. II., of the Constitution, that office (notwithstanding the superior attainments of our Grand Lecturer) is no longer beneficial to the subordinate Chapter, nor profitable to the officer.

The present method (if used) is very expensive to those Chapters located at great distances from the home of the Grand Lecturer ; consequently there is a disposition to shift along as best they can without his much needed services ; and the result, is constantly increasing errors in the work. Some provision should be made whereby all the Chapters in the State may have more equal and ready means of obtaining the lectures.

"It is to be regretted that so many Chapters in this jurisdiction, entirely ignore one of the most important regulations of the Grand Chapter.

"Section II. of Article V. of the Cotstitution requires that candidates shall pass an examination as to their proficiency before advancing to a higher degree. If this law was rigidly enforced by all our Chapters, the services or the Grand Lecturer would not be so often needed, and our subordinates would be more efficient in their work, having on hand at all times good material for officers.

"I trust that hereafter all the Chapters in the State will enforce this regulation, and insist upon it, that each candidate has a true conception of the obligations and fully understand the means of recognition: he should advance towards the inner sanctuary only as he makes himself familiar with the lessons, obligations and land-marks over which he has traveled. Experience has proven that comparatively few Masons become posted in the work and lectures after having received all the degrees.

"Without wishing to appear as interfering with the prerogatives of Chapters, I feel called upon to urge upon the representative Masons here, to insist upon a more rigid examination of the qualifications of candidates for the Capitular degrees.

"There seems to be a general desire in nearly all our Chapters to increase in numbers, even though it be done at the expense of the material.

"We want no negative men; but only those of whom we know something postively good.

"We should always have in mind when called upon to cast a ballot, that Masonry is not a reformatory institution; that while its teaching and precepts will doubtless have a tendency to make good men better, it was never intended to make bad men good."

The preparation of a digest was postponed until at least ten years from the last one.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The twenty-second Triennial Convocation was held at Nashville, Tennessee, on November 24th, 1874. M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond, G. G. H. P., R. E. Comp. C. G. Fox, G. G. Secretary, and the Representatives of twenty-four State Grand Chapters, four subordinate Chapters and a number of Past Grand High Priests.

We find from the address of Comp. Drummond, that he issued dispensations for seven new Chapters, two each in Colorado and Nevada, and one each in Utah, Montana, and Washington Territory,

We also find herein the first intimation of the formation of a Grand Chapter for the State of Nevada:—

### GRAND CHAPTER OF NEVADA.

"On November 18, 1873, a convention of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the four chartered Chapters in Nevada, acting under a warrant

from me dated the 1st day of November, 1873, proceeded to form the Grand Chapter for the State of Nevada.

"I herewith submit a certified copy of the proceedings and of the constitution adopted. The proceedings seem to me substantially regular, and the Constitution (with a single exception, which I pointed out to the Grand Secretary) in harmony with the General Grand Constitution.

"Charters were granted to the two Chapters U. ·. D. ·., and returns have been made, and the dues accruing up to the date of the organization of the Grand Chapter have been paid to the General Grand Secretary. I see no reason why this new Grand Chapter should not be recognized, and its representatives admitted as members of the General Grand Chapter."

Also the following on Colorado :—

"An effort was made in 1872 to organize a Grand Chapter in Colorado, where three chartered Chapters existed ; but, one of the Chapters declining to take part in the movement, it was abandoned.

"The suggestion was made that the Chapter in Wyoming would unite with two in Colorado, and organize a Grand Chapter for both Territories ; but I held that under our constitution there was no authority for the Chapters in two States or Territories to unite and form a Grand Chapter."

His action with regard to other Grand Chapters is thus reported, coupled with an interesting historical sketch of the General Grand Chapter :—

"Immediately after the last triennial convocation I commenced efforts to induce the Grand Chapters, which had passed resolutions withdrawing their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, to rescind those resolutions.

"I hold, without the shadow of a doubt, that all such resolutions are void, being in violation of the constitution of this body, which every companion who voted for such resolutions had taken a solemn obligation to support and maintain. I hold, moreover, that every Past Grand High Priest of every Grand Chapter that was ever under the jurisdiction of this body is still a member of it, whatever may be the attiude of his Grand Chapter towards us, and that every member of the Grand Council of such Grand Chapter is also a member of this body, and has a right to exercise his privileges as such without being controlled by the views of his companions. But, of course, no companion desires to come in conflict with his Grand Chapter, and therefore such resolutions are practically as effective as if they were perfectly valid. I have, therefore, addressed myself directly to the Grand Chapters.

"I am happy to announce that the Grand Chapter of Kentuckey has

rescinded her resolutions of withdrawal, and has renewed her allegiance. Her representatives are here with us, and I believe the warm welcome they have received has removed any lingering doubts they may have entertained as to the wisdom of their course.

"I have corresponded also with the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Georgia and Texas—the only others which have attempted to sever their relations with us.

"I have received no reply from Texas, and I do not find in the published proceedings any action upon the matter.

"The Grand Secretary of Alabama acknowledged the receipt of my communication; and at the annual convocation in 1872, a resolution was introduced repealing the resolution of 1861, which purported to dissolve "the connection subsisting between the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama and the General Grand Chapter of the United States." The repealing resolution was not acted upon, but was postponed to the annual convocation in 1873, when, however, it was not called up, so far as the published proceedings show.

"In 1871, resolutions were offered in the Grand Chapter of Georgia, recognizing the relations legally existing between Grand Chapters and this Body, and proposing that that Grand Chapter should "renew its connection and acknowledge its fealty to the General Grand Chapter; but 'action was postponed to the next annual Convocation.' In 1872 my communication was read in open Grand Chapter, but a motion to take up the resolutions offered the year before was lost. The Grand High Priest was directed to answer my letter, and the following resolutions were also adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the communication of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to this Grand Chapter, inviting a return to that body, has been received and read with much pleasure by this Grand Chapter"

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter deems it inexpedient at present to comply with the request of the General Grand High Priest, and that the subject be postponed for future consideration."

"Subsequently the Grand High Priest answered my letter, and his letter is herewith submitted. [A].

"At the annual convocation in 1873, in accordance with his views as expressed in his letter, he brought the matter before the Grand Chapter, and urged favorable action. The committee to which his address was referred, reported as follows:—

"The recommendation of the M. ∴ E. ∴ Grand High Priest relative to the return of this Grand Chapter to allegiance to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, has been carefully con-

sidered ; and the committee, impressed with the importance of the subject, respectfully ask to be granted time until the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter to prepare and submit a report, and in the meantime invoke an expression of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction upon the subject."

"The report was adopted, and the following resolution passed to carry out the recommendation of the committee :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed in circular form so much of the report as has reference to the return of this Grand Chapter to the G. ∴ G. ∴ Royal Arch Chapter, with instructions to bring this matter to the consideration of their Chapters at an early day."

"In his address in 1874, the Grand High Priest called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the matter. The Committee of the preceding year did not "prepare and submit" any report ; but the address was referred to the committee (four of the five members of which were upon the committee the year before,) which reported the following. "The Grand Chapter, having disposed of the question of the renewal of our relations with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States for the present, the committee have no comment to make upon that portion of the address touching the same ;" and their report was adopted.

"As the disposition of the question was to refer it to substantially that very committee "to prepare and submit a report," may we not reasonably expect that at the next annual convocation they will perform their duty, and give us the reasons for the course which they may advise the Grand Chapter to take ?

"There is so much misapprehension concerning the historical and legal relations of the General Grand Chapter to the State Grand Chapters, that I beg your indulgence a few moments while I give a summary of the history of their organization

"This Body is the oldest Sovereign Grand Chapter in the world. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized earlier, but it was attached to, and under the authority of the Grand Lodge, and did not became independent for sever l years.

"This body was organized in January, 1798, as the Grand Chapter of the States o New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, under the name of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America." It was provided in its original constitution, that there should be in each State a Deputy Grand Chapter, of which the Grand Chapter should have the superintendence, "with the right of appellate jurisdiction over all their proceedings and determinations, with power to disaffirm and disannul them." It provided the time and place for the formation of the Deputy Grand Chapters of

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, but retained Vermount and New Hampshire under its own jurisdiction. At the several times and places thus fixed, and by the authority thus given, Deputy Grand Chapters were formed in Massachusetts, Rhode Island Connecticut and New York.

"In 1799, the Grand Chapter changed its name to General Grand Chapter, but confined its jurisdiction to the same States. It changed the name of the Deputy Grand Chapters to State Grand Chapters. Vermont was then placed under the jurisdiction of New York, and New Hampshire under that of Massachusetts, until Grand Chapters should be formed in those States. In 1804, a Grand Chapter was formed in Vermont, without the consent of New York; but in 1806 the General Grand Chapter confirmed the action, and recognized the new Grand Chapter, and admitted it to representation.

"In 1806, the General Grand Chapter changed its name to the "General Grand Chapter of the United States of America," and assumed corresponding jurisdiction. Let it be observed, that at that time the Grand Chapters which had been created by it were the only ones in the country, except the one subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and probably another which was subordinate in the same manner to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the General Grand Chapter was the only sovereign and supreme body of Royal Arch Masons in the country. It limited the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters to the States in which they were located reserving to itself exclusive jurisdiction to grant dispensations and charters in the other States, but provided for the formation of new Grand Chapters upon the warrant of one of the general grand officers. This provision for the formation of Grand Chapters has ever since been retained in the constitution.

"In accordance with this provision, the Grand Chapters of Arkansas, California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, * Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin, were formed by authority of the warrant of a general grand officer, which warrant in terms, or substantially, provided that the Grand Chapter to be formed should be "*subject to the constitution and laws of the General Grand Chapter.*" The reorganization of the Grand Chapter of Vermont in 1849 was by virtue of a similar warrant. The alause providing for retaining the authority of the General Grand Chapter in some of the warrants was very specific: in the case of Texas it was "always provided, however, *that such Grand Chapter shall conform to and abide by the constitution, rules, and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.*"

* There was a Grand Chapter in New Jersey before 1826, formed under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, but it became extinct, and was never revived, and the present body was formed as if none had ever existed in that State.

The preamble of the original constitution of the Grand Chapter of Georgia (which was also adopted at its re-orgonization in 1841) is as follows: "We, the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Georgia, created and established by authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, by and with the consent of the said General Grand Chapter, have agreed to form a Grand Chapter for the State of Georgia; and being duly represented by our respective High Priests * * * * convened * * pursuant to public notice, and the *powers vested in us by the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America* * * do ordain and declare," etc. All the Chapters which took part in forming all these Grand Chapters *were created by the General Grand Chapter*, except those in Maine, which were created by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts while Maine was a part of that commonwealth.

"In Alabama, in 1823, a Grand Chapter was formed by Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter; no previous warrant was obtained, but the proceedings were ratified by the General Grand High Priest. On investigation, however, by the General Grand Chapter in 1826, it was decided that the proceedings were irregular, and the Grand Chapter not legally formed; and it was recommended that a new Grand Chapter be formed. This decision was acquiesed in, the old organization abandoned, and a new Grand Chapter was formed under the warrant of the General Grand High Priest. It became dormant in 1831, and in 1837 the representatives of the several Chapters met and proceeded "to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter according to the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States."

"A Grand Chapter was formed in the District of Columbia in 1824 by virtue of a warrant from the General Grand High Priest, and his action was confirmed, and the Grand Chapter recognized by the General Grand Chapter in 1826, and received under its jurisdiction. In 1841, this Grand Chapter had ceased to work, and the Chapters were placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. In 1867, a new Grand Chapter was formed, and became a constituent of the General Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Chapter of Florida was formed by two Chapters chartered by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and one chartered by the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. As the latter was at the time a constituent of this body, this grant of a charter was unauthorized, and gave just cause of complaint; and the grant of the charters by the Grand Chapter of Virginia was, by the terms of our constitution, an invasion of our jurisdiction; but all irregularity has been waived for many years, and the Grand Chapter of Florida been recognized; and all questions have been set at rest forever, by her uniting with her sister

Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Chapters of Kentucky and Missouri were each formed by three Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter, but without any warrant from a general grand officer; the proceedings in Kentucky were approved by two general grand officers (Clinton and Webb,) and the action in both cases, upon application, was ratified and confirmed by the General Grand Chapter.

"As before stated, a Grand Chapter probably existed in Maryland before 1806, but the records have not been preserved; references are made to it in the proceedings of the present Grand Chapter as 'a former Grand Royal Arch Chapter.' The present Grand Chapter was formed in 1814, and by mutual action of the General Grand Chapter and itself was 'admitted under the jurisdiction' of this body 'on an equality with the other Grand Chapters,' and 'subject to the constitution and regulations of said General Grand Chapter.'

"The Grand Chapter of North Carolina was formed by six Chapters, at least three of which were chartered by the General Grand Chapter, under whose jurisdiction it assumed that it belonged. At its re-organization in 1847, it applied for recognition, which was granted upon condition that it amended its constitution to conform to that of the General Grand Chapter: this was at once done, and its obligations to the General Grand Chapter fully recognized.

"The Grand Chapter of Ohio was formed by two Chapters which had existed before 1798—one Chapter chartered by the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and there was another Chapter in the State chartered by the General Grand Chapter. The proceedings were conducted under the advice of Thomas Smith Webb, who, as Deputy General Grand High Priest, approved the formation of the Grand Chapter, and installed its officers; and his action was ratified by the General Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Chapter of South Carolina was formed by two Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter, and one chartered by the Grand Chapter of New York in 1803, before the jurisdiction of State Grand Chapters was limited to their States. No warrant was obtained in advance, but the proceedings were formally approved by Thomas Smith Webb, General Grand King, and the Grand Chapter was represented in the General Grand Chapter at its next convocation.

"Thus it appears that all the Grand Chapters, except Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, were either created by the General Grand Chapter, or formed by Chapters chartered by it and authorized

to form a Grand Chapter solely upon the condition of obedience to the constitution and laws of the General Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Chapter of Virginia was formed in 1808, after the General Grand Chapter had undertaken to exercise exclusive jurisdiction throughout the country. Consistency would have required it to ignore the Grand Chapter of Virginia, as it did Chapters chartered in other States by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, but it saw fit not to do so, and has practically recognized that Grand Chapter for many years.

"It needs no more, it seems to me, than this historical statement to show that a constituent of this General Grand Chapter has no more right, legal or moral, to throw off its allegiance, than any subordinate Chapter has to throw off its allegiance to its Grand Chapter.

### GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST VIRGINIA.

"In this connection I am reminded that a Grand Chapter has been formed in West Virginia, and that doubts have been expressed whether Grand Chapters in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter can consistently recognize and establish fraternal relations with it. Were the question a new one, the decision undoubtedly would be that we could not recognise it. It was formed by Chapters chartered by the Grand Chapter of Virginia in territory over which that Grand Chapter has claimed and exercised exclusive jurisdiction for more than sixty years, and the General Grand Chapter has acquiesced in that claim. Our constitution expressly recognizes the propriety of having a Grand Chapter in each State ; and to my mind it is too late now, after so long an acquiescence in the claim of Virginia, to deny the logical result of such action. I recommend that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia be fraternally invited to follow the example of Maryland and Florida, and unite with her sisters in common allegiance to this General Grand Chapter.

### GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

"The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, which has been recognized by nearly, if not quite, all our Grand Chapters, has formally applied to me for recognition by this body, and I see no reason why it may not be accorded.

### GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

"You are aware that the degree of Mark Master Mason is not under the authority of the Grand Chapter of England, and is not required by it to be conferred before the Royal Arch ; and, indeed, is not recog-

nized by it as a Masonic degree. This difference in the number and order of the degrees has caused serious difficulty in relation to the admission of English Royal Arch Masons into our Chapters. But the degree has been conferred from time immemorial, as well in independent Mark Lodges as in those attached to a Master's Lodge. Mark Lodges were also established in England, by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. But finding the necessity of a governing body, and not desiring to be under a foreign Supreme Masonic authority, three of the (time immemorial) Lodges in 1856, constituted a Grand Lodge, with jurisdiction over the Mark degree in England and its dependencies. In 1858, the Lodges, seven in number, chartered by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, united with this Grand Lodge. Other 'time immemorial Lodges' gave in their adhesion until, in 1871, ten of them were constituents of the Grand Lodge. Since 1871 other old Lodges and other Scotch Lodges have given in their adhesion and new Lodges have been chartered, so that now it has 186 Lodges on its roll and 7,645 members on its register. I understand that the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Canada have recognized this Grand Lodge as the supreme authority in England over the Mark degree.

"Formal application has been made, by a communication herewith submitted [B], for recognition by this General Grand Chapter, so that Royal Arch Masons of England, who have received the Mark degree under the authority of this Grand Lodge, may be allowed to be received in Chapters in this conntry without receiving that degree here. I have very fully investigated the matter, and have no doubt that this Grand Lodge was formed in accordance with Masonic precedents and Masonic law as established by long usage, and I earnestly recommend that the General Grand Chapter recognize the 'Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown,' as the Supreme Masonic authority over the degree of Mark Master Mason in that jurisdiction, and all Mark Master Masons made under its authority as regular, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of the degree. I submit also, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its half-yearly communication in June last."

His important decisions are as follows:—

"1. Substitutes.—The action of the General Grand Chapter in relation to substitutes is not mandatory, but permissive. A regulation of a Grand Chapter permitting their use, or one prohibiting their use, does not conflict with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, and subordinate Chapters are bound by such regulation.

"2. Qualification of Candidates.—The General Grand Constitution does not prescribe the qualification of candidates. By the landmarks they must be Master Masons, and therefore such Master Masons as are legally recognized as such by the other Master Masons of the particular jurisdiction. In other words, they must be Master Masons in good standing as such. The meaning of the term 'in good standing' is determined by the laws governing Blue Lodges in the particular jurisdiction. If by these laws, an unaffiliated Mason is 'in good standing,' he is eligible as a candidate, in the absence of any regulation of the State Grand Chapter. But I find nothing in the General Grand Constitution preventing any Grand Chapter from requiring such further qualifications as it deems proper.

"3. Effect of Discipline by the Lodge.—The Chapter must give to discipline by the Lodge the same effect that it has under the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Chapter has no authority to inquire into the regularity of the proceedings of the Lodge, but they must be taken as valid until reversed by competent authority. The Chapter has no part or lot in making or fixing the standing of Master Masons; we take them as made by the Blue Lodge, and their standing as fixed by the Blue Lodge. The effect of the suspension of a member of a Chapter by his Lodge for non-payment of dues must be determined by the laws of his Grand Lodge. If the suspension (as in some States) is from membership only, his standing in the Chapter is not affected, in the absence of regulations by his Grand Chapter; but, if the suspension, (as in other States) is from all his Masonic rights, he at once loses his standing as a Royal Arch Mason, whatever may be the regulations of his Grand Chapter.

"4. Effect of Reversal of Action of Lodge by the Grand Lodge.—When the action of a Lodge, in cases of discipline, is reversed or annulled for any reason by competent authority, the party at once regains the same status that he had at the commencement of the proceedings, as fully and completely as if none had ever been had.

"5. Effect of Restoration by the Lodge.—But when a Companion is restored to his Masonic rights by his Lodge, after a legal conviction by it, the settled law is, that he is restored to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, except membership in his Chapter; though I confess I have never been able to see the propriety of this rule, nor of the exception if the rule is adopted.

"When a Lodge expels a member, he loses all his Masonic rights, as fully as if he had never been initiated; consequently he ceases to be a

Royal Arch Mason. Now the Lodge may, by restoring him, make him again a Master Mason, as it previously made him a Master Mason, save that the process is different; but I cannot see what authority a Lodge has to make a Royal Arch Mason by restoration, any more than by the original initiation. But if it is held, that the act of the Lodge restores him to all the rights of which the Lodge deprived him, why is membership in the Chapter excepted? The Lodge may refuse to restore him to membership in itself, because it may annex such limitations to the restoration as it sees fit; but the Lodge has no power to annex any limitations to the effect of his restoration in the Chapter.

"6. Past Master's Degree.—It is not proper for a Chapter to confer the Past Master's Degree upon the Master elect of a symbolic Lodge, who has not received the Mark Degree. As I understand, the General Grand Chapter decided at its last convocation that a Chapter can recognize no other Past Master's Degree than the one conferred by it, and no other person eligible to receive it than a Mark Master Mason.

7. Qualifications of Grand High Priests.—The General Grand Constitution does not provide that a Grand High Priest must be a Past High Priest; but seems to leave it to Grand Chapters to fix the qualifications of their officers.

8. Who may Open a Chapter.—A Chapter cannot properly be opened by a Past High Priest in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe. Section 10 of Article 1 of our Constitution provides, that "In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless. through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest." The language of this provision embraces Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapers, and in terms seems to authorize the Captain of the Host, or even the Master of the Third Vail to open the Chapter in the absence of all his superior officers. I cannot believe that such was the intention; but that it was intended to apply only to the officers composing the Council; but if it has a wider meaning, it does not authorize a Past High Priest to open a Chapter, save under the direction of the highest officer present.

"9. Change of Place of Meeting of General Grand Chapter.—The General Grand High Priest has no power to change the *place* of the convocation of the General Grand Chapter fixed by it, and no power to change the *time*, unless there shall be "danger to life or health" in holding the convocation at the appointed time."

The Grand Chapters belonging to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter number 34, with 1750 subordinates, and 112,000 members.

The next Triennial Convocation, will be held at Buffalo, on the third Tuesday of August, 1877.

On Ritual, the action had at the last meeting with reference to the G. O. R. A. W., was rescinded by the adoption of the following resolution :—

"*Resolved*, That the action taken by the General Grand Chapter, in 1871, in regard to the Ritual of the Royal Arch degree (as printed on page 42 of the Proceedings of that year), be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and representatives are hereby instructed to communicate this action to their Grand Chapters at their next Annual Convocations."

The General Grand Chapter visited in a body the widow of Ex-President James K. Polk.

The election of Officers resulted as follows :—

Comp. ELBERT H. ENGLISH,
Little Rock, Ark., General Grand High Priest.

" John Frizzell,
Nashville, Tenn., Deputy General Grand High Priest.

" ROBERT F. BOWER,
Keokuk, Iowa, General Grand King.

" ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Boston, Mass., General Grand Scribe.

" JOHN MCCLELLAN,
Boston, Mass., General Grand Treasurer.

" CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
Buffalo, N. Y., General Grand Secretary.

" NOBLE D. LARNER,
Washington, D. C., General Grand Captain of the Host.

" AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,
Charlestown, S. C., General Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. Smythe having declined to serve as General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Comp. Henry Bostwick, of Covington, Ky., was chosen to that office.

The Committee on jurisprudence have the following remarks on the use of substitutes :—

"Your Committee cannot, however, let the occasion pass without an expression of their opinion in reference to the subject of the second decision (substitutes); that, while the use of substitutes was practiced

by all the old Chapters, and our fathers in Masonry walked in that way, we regret that a uniformity could not now be observed in this respect. And we disapprove of the legislation of State Grand Chapters forbidding their use, believing that the whole subject should be left to the several Chapters to use them or not as demanded by the occasion."

Their report was adopted with these resolutions appended :

1. "*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter recognizes the newly-organized Grand Chapter of Nevada, and enrolls it upon the list of constituents of this Grand Body.

2. "*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, having been officially informed of the organization of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, does hereby recognize the same as a duly organized Grand Chapter, and most cordially and fraternally invites her to become a constituent member of this General Grand Chapter ; and that the General Grand Secretary be directed to forward an attested copy of this resolution to the Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter.

3. "*Resolved, as a Regulation*, That the General Grand Chapter hereby vests in its Subordinates 'Under Dispensation,' full power of discipline over their members, and the right to exercise all the powers of 'chartered' Chapters, save the election and installation of officers."

It was decided to reprint the proceedings from 1798 to 1856.

The Committee on foreign correspondence reported in part as follows :—

"In the matter of the communication from a former Grand High Priest of New York to the General Grand High Priest, relative to a dispensation issued by the former, authorizing and empowering the degree of M. E. M. to be conferred upon certain persons in the City of London, England, your committee are of opinion, that, inasmuch as the Grand Chapter of New York, immediately upon the matter coming to its notice, pronounced its emphatic condemnation of the action of its said Grand High Priest in the premises ; and inasmuch as our English Companions have entered no grievance concerning the same, while the said action of the said Grand High Priest was clearly unwarrantable, no action by this Body is requisite beyond the expression of approval of the action of the Grand Chapter of New York in relation thereto."

They also recommend the recognition of Nova Scotia and the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Their report was adopted but that portion referring to the Grand Mark Lodge of England, was afterwards reconsidered and the question postponed till the next meeting.

A committee of seven with Comp. Drummond as chairman, was appointed to revise the constitution and report at next meeting.

The officers were then installed and the proceedings terminated.

## CONCLUSION.

For our Statistical Table this year, we are indebted to the Committee on Correspondence of New York.

# STATISTICS.

| Chapter. | Exaltations. | Affiliations and Restorations | Dismissions. | Suspensions, Expulsions & Exclusions. | Deaths. | Royal Arch Masons. | Grand High Priests. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama. | 112 | 39 | 80 | 178 | 37 | 1,691 | Myles J. Greene. | Loachapoka. |
| Arkansas. | 154 | 19 | 40 | 13 | 31 | 1,672 | Sam. W. Williams, | Little Rock, |
| California. | 237 | 57 | 82 | 78 | 19 | 2,268 | William A. January. | San Jose, |
| Canada,* | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | .... | 2,492 | James Seymour, | St Catharines |
| Connecticut, | 216 | 3 | 65 | 75 | 84 | 3,962 | Edmund Tweedy, | Danbury. |
| Delaware, | 32 | 1 | .... | 5 | 2 | 296 | George W. Stone, | Wilmington. |
| Dist. Columbia | 102 | 9 | 15 | 77 | 13 | 1,099 | Noble D. Larner, | Washington. |
| Florida, | 40 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 6 | 288 | Michael Bowes, | Jacksonville. |
| Georgia, | 144 | 29 | 48 | 71 | 25 | 1,952 | Luther J. Glenn, | Atlanta. |
| Illinois, | 604 | 83 | 235 | 181 | 117 | 9,515 | Geo. E. Lounsbury, | Mound City. |
| Indiana, | 441 | 68 | 122 | 53 | 77 | 4,567 | Geo. H. Fish, | Evansville. |
| Iowa, | 470 | 48 | 147 | 57 | 23 | 3,587 | Robert F. Bower, | Keokuk. |
| Kansas, | 69 | 20 | 39 | 38 | 7 | 912 | John M. Price, | Atchison. |
| Kentucky, | 251 | 62 | 132 | 77 | 62 | 3,885 | Joseph P. Foree, | Christianburg |
| Louisiana, | 98 | 23 | 43 | 48 | 35 | 1,528 | Joseph P. Horner, | New Orleans. |
| Maine, | 277 | ..... | 52 | 12 | 50 | 3,562 | Horace H. Burbank, | Alfred. |
| Maryland, | 133 | 14 | 16 | 27 | 13 | 1,257 | James W. Bowers, | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts | 883 | ..... | 141 | 32 | 79 | 8,268 | Alfred F. Chapman, | Boston. |
| Michigan, | 666 | 80 | 219 | 36 | 76 | 6,791 | John W. Finch, | Adrian. |
| Minnesota, | 201 | 15 | 28 | 26 | 6 | 1,471 | Silas R. Merrill. | Lake City. |
| Mississippi, | 182 | 101 | 133 | 246 | 54 | 2,462 | George R. Fearn, | Canton. |
| Missouri, | 412 | 90 | 125 | 34 | 70 | 4,014 | Rufus E. Anderson, | Palmyra. |
| Nebraska,* | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | .... | 392 | Robert W. Furnas. | Brownville. |
| N. Hampshire | 127 | ..... | .... | ..... | .... | 1,973 | Edward Gustine, | Keene. |
| New Jersey, | 297 | 11 | 57 | 48 | 31 | 2,833 | John Woolverton, | Trenton. |
| New York, | 1,428 | 235 | 336 | 752 | 176 | 18,730 | Joseph B. Chaffee, | Binghamton. |
| No. Carolina, | 19 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 492 | Horace H. Munson, | Wilmington. |
| Nova Scotia, | 44 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 250 | Stephen R. Sircom. | Halifax. |
| Ohio, | 603 | 209 | 210 | 243 | 73 | 8,298 | J. Kelly O'Neall, | Lebanon. |
| Oregon, | 51 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 264 | James R. Bayley, | Corvallis. |
| Pennsylvania, | 987 | 222 | 157 | 194 | 99 | 9,209 | Andrew Robeno, Jr. | Philadelphia. |
| Rhode Island, | 74 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 1,609 | Francello G. Jillson, | Woonsocket. |
| So. Carolina, | 83 | 10 | 11 | 39 | 20 | 938 | Aug'tine T. Smythe, | Charleston. |
| Tennessee. | 234 | 45 | 207 | 25 | 80 | 4,168 | Joseph M. Anderson, | Lebanon. |
| Texas, | 275 | 166 | 213 | 179 | 74 | 3,958 | W. K. McAlpin, | Galveston. |
| Vermont,* | .. . | ..... | .... | ..... | .... | 1,744 | John W. Clark, | Montpelier. |
| Virginia, | 106 | 16 | 42 | 52 | 16 | 1,627 | B. M. Harris, | Richmond. |
| W. Virginia, | 67 | ..... | 8 | ..... | 3 | 451 | Thomas H. Logan, | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin, | 278 | 36 | 64 | 123 | 25 | 2,633 | Jonathan H. Evans, | Platteville. |
| | 10,397 | 1,743 | 3118 | 3,045 | 1507 | 127,108 | | |

* No report received ; membership from former Proceedings.

In order to have this Report in print prior to the meeting of Grand Chapter, we are obliged to close it a month earlier than in former years. This will account for the non-appearance of several of the proceedings. Those which are not noticed in this report, are Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia.

We rejoice at the harmony so generally prevailing among all R. A. Masons, and trust that it may long continue.

We have endeavored to be as brief as possible, consistently with giving an intelligent account of the actions of our sister Grand Chapters, and we submit this result of our labours to the favorable consideration of our Companions.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN.

COLLINGWOOD, June 30th, 1875.

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